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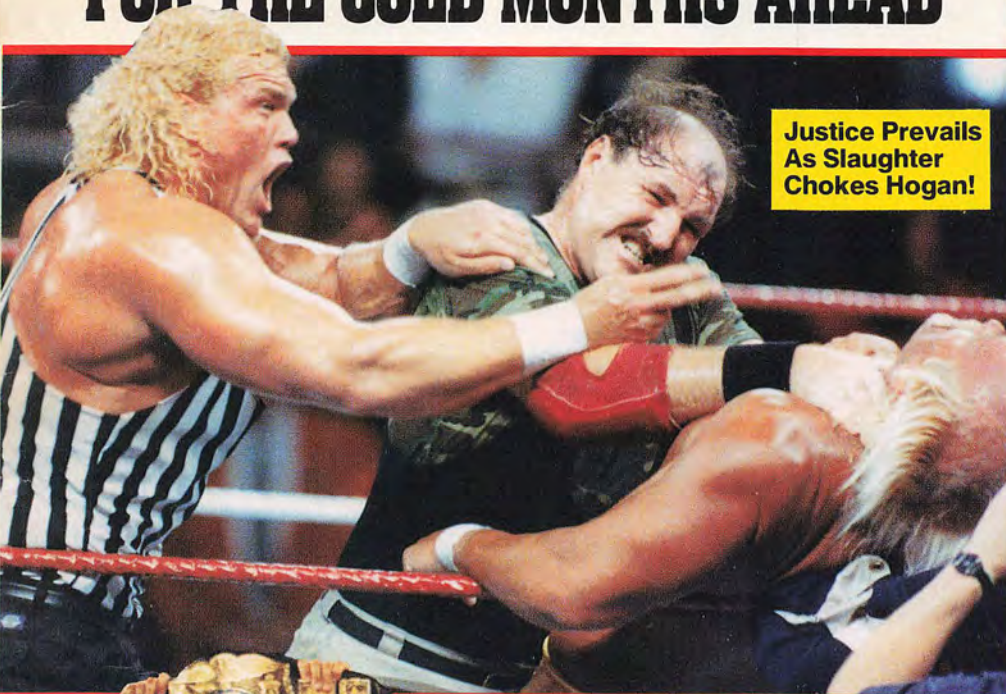
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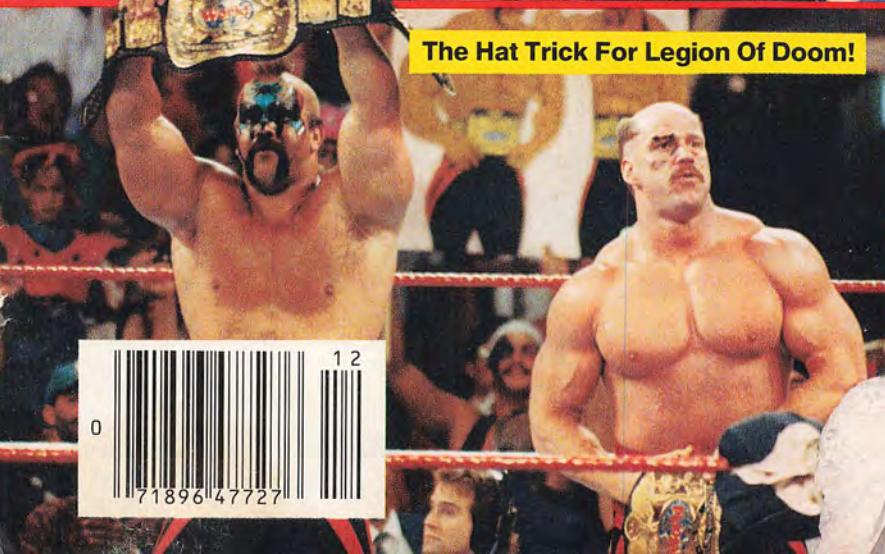
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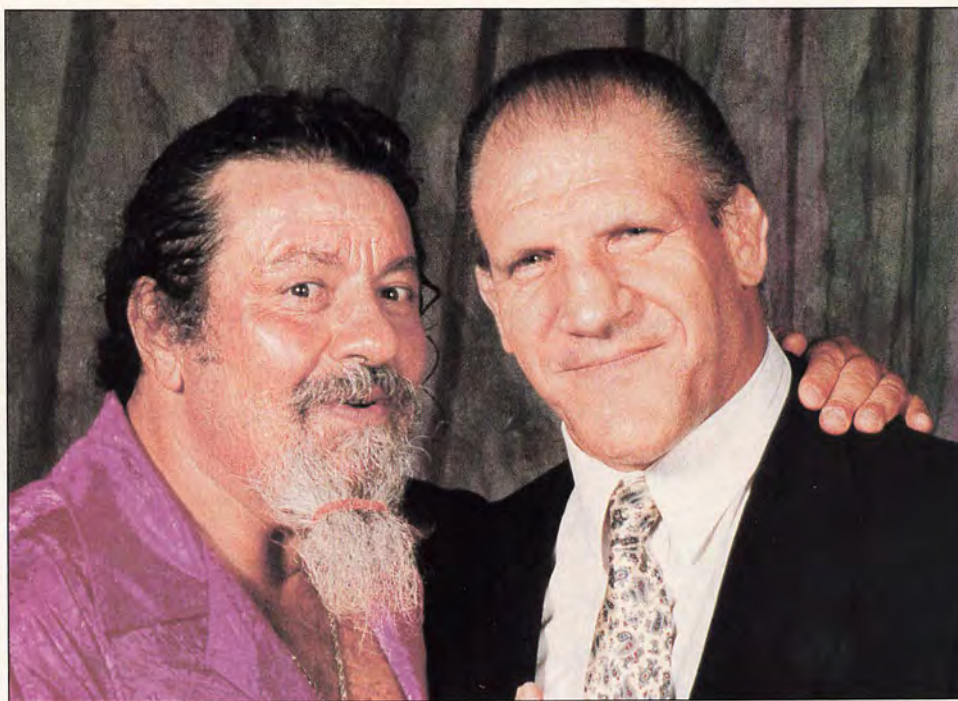
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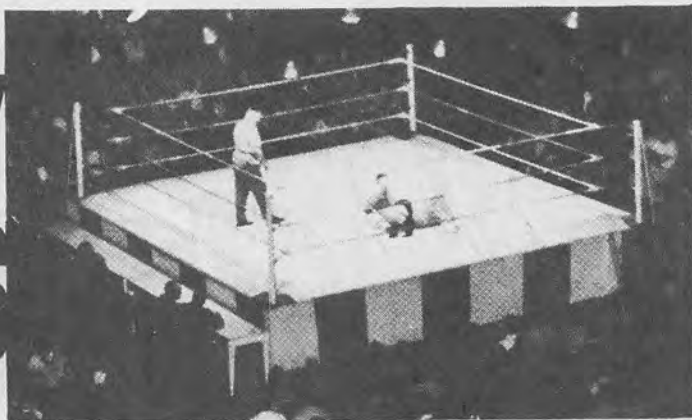
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SENSATIONAL STUDD ...

You don't know how exciting it was to see your article on The Diamond Studd in the October 1991 issue ("Diamond Studd vs. Tom Zenk: More Than A Battle Of Sex Appeal"). We were "Z-Man" fans until we saw him in action (or *inaction*, we should say) against the Studd.

Those pictures really captured this feud. Studd is overpowering, enjoying his mastery of "Z-Man" and showing

off his incredible body. Zenk was helpless.

We love the Studd!

CAROLYN BOLWIN

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Hillsboro, NJ

... OR IS STUDD A DUD?

I recently saw one of the most embarrassing performances I've ever witnessed. I just saw Tom Zenk defeat

The Diamond Studd in less than one minute!

Before that overmuscled goon Studd even got his warmup suit off, he was defeated. It just goes to show it takes more than a pretty physique to be a good wrestler.

TIM ALLENSON

Los Angeles

AN ELLNER ERROR

Eddie Ellner, you made a mistake. In "The Insider" in the September 1991 issue, you wrote that Sid Vicious of The Sex Pistols was the lead singer, but that was not his role in the legendary rock group.

Johnny "Rotten" Lydon was the lead singer, and Sid played bass. I know you are a wrestling writer and not a music critic, but I wanted to straighten out the facts.

BRIANE C. DOTSON

Oregon City, OR

POLITICS AND PINFALLS

Regarding the various political observations penned by Liz Hunter and Eddie Ellner in "On Assignment" in the October 1991 issue: Many fans were no doubt surprised to learn that former President Ronald Reagan is regarded by you folks as a coward, a thief, and that his administration has been diminished by history.

From all this, we should not be surprised that the mental giants on your staff are liberal democrats who studied writing from Kitty Kelly and history with George "The Animal" Steele. We can only pray that you "historians" spend more time at the matches and



Tom Zenk's quick pinning of Diamond Studd proved to reader Tim Allenson that Studd will need more than a great physique to succeed.

less time in the voting booth in the future.

The secret of Ric Flair is simply that he is as aware of his limitations as he is of his strengths. Ellner, for one, should pay close attention.

ALVIN LEWIS
Lafayette, LA

DOC'S A PILL

Steve Williams was right on the money in his "Hotseat" interview in the October 1991 issue. The UWF has a champion it can be proud of in "Dr. Death."



UWF TV champion Steve "Dr. Death" Williams is justifiably arrogant, reader Tony Troglin maintains.

Williams is 100 percent pro wrestler, unlike the other "champions" in the WWF and WCW. A match between Lex Luger and Steve Williams would be great, but a bout between Williams and Hulk Hogan would be a laugh. Steve could crush Hogan with ease.

Don't think Williams was being cocky or arrogant during his interview. He can back up every word he said.

TONY TROGLIN
Gruetli-Laager, TN

MORE PRIME TIME PROBLEMS

I am writing to express my disgust with the new *Prime Time Wrestling* format. It is an insult to any wrestling fan above the age of 16!

It's one thing to have the wrestlers on the program being interviewed, but it's an entirely idiotic thing to have the wrestlers burning some planted stooge named Jameson at the stake, or having Sgt. Slaughter torturing another guy live and in living color!

Give my regards to Kerry Von Erich, Rick Steamboat, Mike Rotundo, and The Road Warriors. I'm sorry those guys were forced to end their monumental careers in a circus instead of a *real* wrestling organization!

RALPH AQUINO
Clearwater, FL

SELECTIVE RECALL

Get real, WCW! So you stripped Rick and Scott Steiner of the World tag team title, citing the 30-day manda-

tory title defense rule.

But where was your sacred rulebook when Arn Anderson's TV title belt was collecting mildew? The 30-day rule was never mentioned! Anderson didn't even have an injury as an excuse for a waiver. And does anyone recall the case of World champ Ronnie Garvin a few years back?

I am not defending the Steiners. They are merely the symbols, not the subject in this matter. I am speaking of equity, integrity, and fairness. If "rules are rules," why are they applied selectively?

A lack of continuity and credibility hurts any promotion and alienates fans. In society, an arbitrary enforcement of rules or policies can breed discontent, revolution, and, ultimately, anarchy. WCW, wise up—while you still have fans!

RICHARD EVANS
Gulfport, MS

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The frequency with which Arn Anderson defended the WCW TV title made a mockery of that federation's rulebook, in reader Richard Evans' opinion.

SAKS' NOTEBOOK

By Stu Saks

I hate to put a damper on things, but I just can't get so excited about the pending Ric Flair-Hulk Hogan showdown. I would be excited if the "Match of the Century" took place earlier in the century, but what we really have here are the two best wrestlers of our time meeting after their time has passed.

True, both Hogan and Flair are still at the top of the sport. Their ring success lends true testimony to that fact. However, longtime observers of these two men—and, indeed, the two men themselves—know that they are not what they were five years ago.

Hogan is WWF champion, but he is not the dominant wrestler he was. His body, while still an awesome sight to behold, has been worn down by years of grueling matches against some of the most physical competitors in the sport. Realizing that he can't overpower opponents night after night, as the youthful Hogan had, the Hulk Hogan of the '90s has adopted a more scientific, energy-conserving approach.

Ric Flair never relied on his physical tools as much as Hogan, so it could be said that he is not as affected by the passing of time. But, over the past five years, Flair has deteriorated as a wrestler. He's a brilliant man who made protecting a championship an art form. He knew better than any man in history how not to lose. At the same time, though, he's forgotten how to win.

These men are capable of putting on a tremendous bout or series of bouts. But they can no longer hope to bring to the battles what they had when they first earned their status as the greats of the game.

Hogan vs. Flair, 1991, is an interesting matchup because it has forced the WWF to cross previously uncrossable political lines. But Hogan-Flair, 1986, was the "Match of the Century." Or, at least, should have been.

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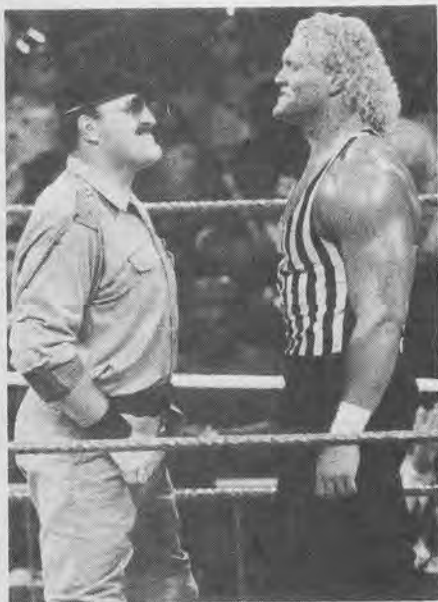
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NAMES MAKING

WHEN **THE ULTIMATE Warrior** grabbed a chair and chased **Col. Mustafa** and **Gen. Adnan** out of the arena during the tag team main event of SummerSlam '91 on August 26 at Madison Square Garden in New York, few fans figured that the former WWF World champion would keep running . . . perhaps right out of the WWF!

Shocking reports emanated from the WWF following the match pitting the Warrior and current WWF World champion **Hulk Hogan** against Adnan, Mustafa, and **Sgt. Slaughter**. After Hogan pinned Slaughter to win the bout, Hogan invited special referee **Sid Justice** back to the ring for the usual postbout posedown.



SLAUGHTER & JUSTICE

Reportedly, Warrior was so angered by the snub that he packed his bags and left the arena. The next day, members of the press as well as WWF officials tried to contact Warrior, but he was nowhere to be found.

"Warrior felt he deserved to be a part of the postmatch celebration," said a source. "The guy didn't even

shower—he just took off. I could tell he was mad—*really* mad. And when the Warrior is in that kind of a mood, there's just no talking to him."

Hopefully, Warrior's decision to bolt the WWF is just a temporary one. However, with so much competition for Hogan's title looming in the coming weeks in the persons of former WCW World champion **Ric Flair**, **The Warlord**, and perhaps even Justice, War-



ULTIMATE WARRIOR

rior may have seen the writing on the wall. We'll be keeping a close eye on this situation in the coming weeks!

For complete results of SummerSlam '91, please see our double-length feature story, which begins on page 34.

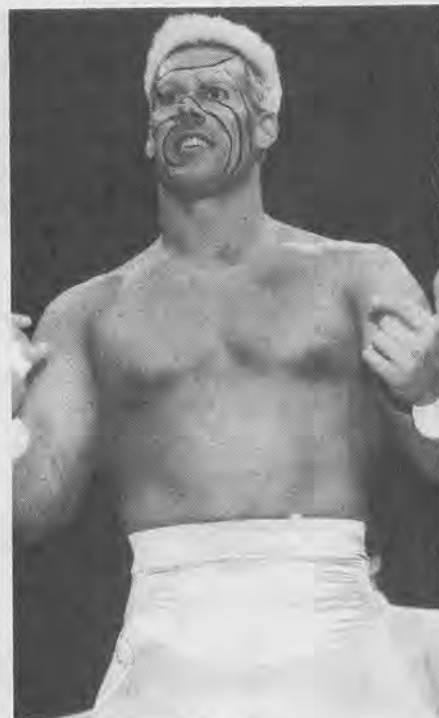
Continuing the comeback that he hopes will lead him back to the WCW World title, **Sting** defeated WCW TV champion **"Stunning" Steve Austin** in the final match of a one-night tournament to fill the vacant U.S. championship on August 25 in Atlanta. In one

of the greatest performances of the "Stinger's" career, the popular Californian defeated **Arn Anderson** and **The Diamond Studd** in the first two rounds, and then had to overcome a serious disadvantage as the Studd and Austin attacked him before the final.

"But nothing was going to keep me away from this title," said a weary Sting after he rolled up Austin with a reverse cradle to win the championship, which had been declared vacant when **Lex Luger** won the WCW World title at The Great American Bash. "Now, I've won all three WCW singles belts—the World title, the U.S. title, and the TV title. Best of all, this makes me the number-one contender to the World title again. There's no way that Luger can avoid me for long now."

Luger, however, claims he has better things to do than worry about Sting right now.

"My old partner has a big mouth,



STING

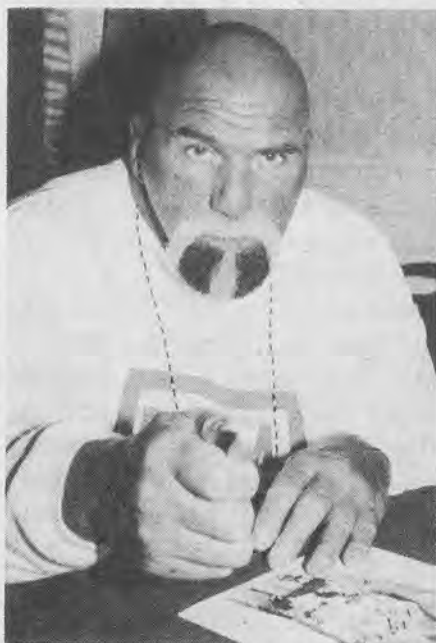
N' NEWS

Bill Apter
reporting...

but he doesn't know what he's talking about," said the arrogant World champion. "At this point, I've got **Ron Simmons** breathing down my neck, and he's been a good opponent. And in addition to him, I've got more matches set against **Barry Windham** and **Bobby Eaton**. Sting can take a number."

Luger puts up a brave front, but in his heart he realizes he can't avoid Sting forever. The impending Hogan-Flair matches are going to be great ones, but a series pitting former friends Luger and Sting against each other could be just as explosive.

I had a great time at the second annual "Weekend of Champions" wrestling fans convention on August 24 and 25 in Queens, New York. The event's promoter, **John Arezzi**, put together a once-in-a-lifetime array of talent for wrestling boosters to meet, including former world champions **Ric Flair**, **Lou Thesz**, **Bruno Sammartino**, **Superstar Graham**, and **Fabulous Moolah**. Quite an event!



SUPERSTAR GRAHAM

Somehow, a new **Christopher Love**-managed giant named **The Dragon Master** defeated **Jerry Lawler** to win the USWA title on August 26 at the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis. It marked the second time in a month that "The King" lost his belt, as **Awesome Kong** defeated Lawler on July 29 to win the title before Lawler regained it two weeks later. Is something wrong with Lawler?



AWESOME KONG

"There's nothing wrong with me that the officials can't prevent," said an angry Lawler after his latest loss. "First, I had that no-account **Reggie B. Fine** hounding me, and now I've got this fat fruitcake Love sticking his nose in my business. Well, USWA fans don't have to worry about me at all. Give me a fair match against Dragon Master, and I'll run him right out of town the same way I did with Kong."

After **The Patriot** returned the Global North American belt following his controversial win in the initial tournament, the masked star won the belt in earnest on August 23 in Dallas,

again pinning **Al Perez**—this time, without Perez' leg on the rope.

"I won't accept a victory unless it's clean and decisive," said Patriot, whose act of sportsmanship was remarkable. The sport could use a few more men like this guy, don't you think?

"**Genius**" **Lanny Poffo** is back in the WWF. He's the new manager of **The Beverly Brothers**, who released "**Coach**" **John Tolos** from his duties, as did former Intercontinental champion **Curt Hennig**. Tolos' next stop? Who knows? ... "**Hot Stuff**" **Eddie Gilbert** is back, and he's raising hell in Global ... **Jimmy Valiant** has returned to the USWA ... **Brian Pillman** was reinstated by WCW officials after the federation received thousands of cards and letters requesting his return. It's like I've said all along—the fans have the *real* power in this sport.

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □



JIMMY VALIANT

I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED myself on having a good record collection. I started collecting late; even in my early-20s I only had about 50 or 60 albums. Then, in college, my collection began to expand to gigantic proportions. Then I started in with cassettes. Then compact discs came along. Today, even after recently thinning out my collection by about half, I still have some 500 albums, 300 compact discs, and 200 cassettes (not to mention a box of about 200 scratchy 45s I have fun listening to about once a year).

The point is that music has always been something of a hobby of mine. When I want to have fun with my two-year-old daughter, I'll play some "rowdy music" (her term) and watch her dance to Bob Seger's "Even Now" or "Time Warp" from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. When I get too stressed out by deadlines at the office, a little Johann Strauss courtesy of Willi Boskovsky and the Vienna Philharmonic takes a good chunk of the pressure off.

I recently wondered what kind of music various wrestlers listen to, and made a few phone calls to find out.

"I used to listen to all that rock 'n' roll crap," said Richard Morton, "but I finally grew up. Sooner or later, you have to put youthful indiscretions behind you, and I've done that with my music as well. The day after I slammed that idiot Robert Gibson in the face, I threw my entire record collection in the garbage. Then I went out to a local record store and bought every installment of the Toscanini Collection, three dozen CDs of Herbert Von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic, and a wide selection of violin music, mainly Jascha Heifetz, Salerno-Sonnenberg, that sort of thing. Have you ever heard



Susan Sexton

ON THE ROAD

with
CRAIG PETERS

Vivaldi played on Stradivari?

Magnificent!"

Morton, a former Rock 'n' Roll Express stalwart, now a classical maven?

"Look, I am now a man of sophistication and taste," he explained. "Alexandra York has seen to that in my professional life, and I am seeing to that in my private life as well."

"I wouldn't listen to that classical crap if you paid me," growled "Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony. "For me, it's gut-busting rock all the way. Give me Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen, John

Cougar Mellencamp, Black Crowes. Hey, have you heard this new guy, Vinnie James? Hot, man, real hot."

What about when Tony and his fiancée, Kimberly, want to spend a quiet evening at home?

"Okay, for times like that maybe a little Al Green, you know, or Luther Vandross—hey, have you ever heard any Michael Franks? A little mushy for me, those guys, but Kimberly likes it. And what Kimberly likes—well, you know!"

"You name it: M.C. Hammer, Kool Moe Dee, Ice-T, DJ Quik, L.L. Cool J," said P.N. News. "I'm into *Cooleyhighharmony* by Boyz II Men, and I've been checkin' out N.W.A., too. If it's rap, brother, I'm into it."

"Are you kidding me?" shrieked Johnny B. Badd. "Hush, child, you don't even have to ask, can't you figure it out? Little Richard is my main man, but I'm also fond of 'Butane' James—James Brown, that is—and Sam Cooke."

"I like all sorts of stuff," said former LPWA champion Susan Sexton. "I'm a real big fan of The Ramones, I like R.E.M., Elvis Costello, Eurythmics. But you can keep all that Paula Abdul and Madonna crap."

"I guess it comes as no surprise that I'm a big Elvis fan," said Jerry Lawler. "I think I have every record of his—even that album, *Having Fun With Elvis On Stage* that was picked by some book recently as the worst rock album of all-time. Okay, it's not riveting listening, but it's fun to hear—just once, at least!"

"What kind of a stupid question is that?" barked Lex Luger. "I'm the World champion, I don't have time for that kind of nonsense. I have training sessions, sparring sessions, I have to watch tapes, scout opponents. You think this is a lark? This is damn serious business, and I can't let my attention waver for a moment, or else one of a dozen guys will try and move in and take my title. Get out of my face!"

It has been said that a life without music is an empty life. These days, with the way he's turned his back on the fans and undergone an "attitude adjustment," Luger's life is just that much emptier. □

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'TOP SECRET'

Behind the Dressing Room Door

**by David
Rosenbaum**

THEY'RE AT IT again. The legislators looking to cut into their state's budget deficits have found a quick fix. The moralists are closing their eyes. They're trying to ruin our sports!

The talk, again, is of legalizing sports gambling. There is already legalized sports gambling in Las Vegas, but it's illegal everywhere else. Of course, illegal gambling is a fact of life, but it carries an encoded moral message: This is wrong. This is dangerous.

Legalized sports gambling would be a mistake. It is the wrong way to attempt to reduce budget deficits. It would be a very good way to turn professional and collegiate sports into parimutuel events. And I'm afraid that wrestling would be touched, too.

At the present time, it is almost impossible to even bet illegally on a professional wrestling match. There are so many going on every day and the matches change so often that it would become a nightmare for the illegal bookmakers.

But with government intervention and control, legalized gambling on wrestling would be a possibility. Behind the dressing room door, this isn't an eventuality the wrestlers are looking forward to.

And believe me: Legalized sports gambling *will* happen.

"I'd prefer they didn't do it," said Bobby Eaton. "You know, there are enough problems in sports these days without adding gambling. Sure, I know people gamble on sports, but it's illegal and I think legalizing gambling would send out the wrong message.

"The problem from my standpoint is that people would start

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THE

INSIDER

By Eddie Ellner

[The opinions expressed in "The Insider" are those of Eddie Ellner alone, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of anyone else on the staff of this magazine.]

NEWS ITEM: RIC FLAIR SPOTTED IN WWF

Ric Flair is in the WWF, though at this writing he had not yet been seen. Bobby Heenan introduced him, and laid a gauntlet for Hulk Hogan on his behalf. Hulk Hogan accepted the challenge. Roddy Piper staked a claim of his own. It's like a scavenger hunt. Realize the excitement from a journalist's point of view. By the time this issue hits the newsstand, most issues about Ric Flair will have been resolved.

But, at this very moment, everything is speculative. Will Flair de-

mand an immediate title shot? Will he first battle Piper? What are his motives? Will he return to WCW like fellow defecting NWA/WCW champions Dusty Rhodes and Harley Race?

Recently, Heenan shoved Flair's title belt in Piper's face, suggesting "Rowdy" Roddy give it a shine. Piper dutifully spit on the belt, saying, "There you go, Bobby. How about a spitshine?"

A Piper-Flair battle could endanger the Hogan-Flair MegaMatch. Should Piper defeat Flair, two things will happen: Vince McMahon will hemorrhage, and Flair will leave the federation.

But one thing is certain: As much as I adore Piper, he is doomed. Flair will annihilate Roddy. This is Ric Flair's moment. He has traveled to this strange WWF land to prove once

and for all that he is the greatest wrestler of his time. He needs Hulk Hogan to prove that. He will treat Roddy Piper like a bowl of cheap Irish stew.

At this very moment, surrounded by what is to come, we can all take comfort in the wonderful possibilities of life. I advise you to do just that.

NEWS ITEM: JASON HERVEY SPOTTED WITH MISSY HYATT

I realize I'm a little late in covering this important wrestling issue. Jason Hervey—whom I don't know and have never met—has the same effect on my system as a late-night burrito. His very existence, the fact that he denies more deserving people oxygen, bothers the hell out of me and I want to know why.

Question: Why hasn't anyone made Jason Hervey uglier than he already is?

The fool asks: Are you jealous? The fool answers: Of course. Still a teenager, Jason Hervey is rich, famous, and is being lead through puberty by Missy Hyatt. I must be jealous.

I am not jealous. Of course a few more bucks in the old checking account couldn't hurt, but I certainly want nothing to do with Missy Hyatt. I want a woman I can love, not a pug-faced airhead with nails larger than her IQ.

It's Jason Hervey's face that bothers me. I went to high school with one of the people involved with the production of *The Won-*

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Ric Flair may not overcome Hulk Hogan, but he will make quick work of "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. That's what Ellner thinks.

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BY LIZ HUNTER

THIS TIME, I'VE decided to share with you my once-every-100-years end-of-the-summer file cleanup. Unedited, unexpurgated, unanalyzed (almost)—make of it what you will.

Found on back of matchbook cover: "I'd sooner take up knitting than wrestle in the WWF."—Ric Flair (date unknown) ... Written on the back of receipt, Mo's Pancake House (\$44.31, and all I had was coffee): "There are men who you know can never leave the NWA, no matter how much mon-

ey they're offered. It's like thinking of the Yankees without Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth, or the University of North Carolina without Coach Dean Smith. Guys like me, Flair, Blanchard—we are the backbone of this federation. We ain't going nowhere soon—or later."—Dusty Rhodes, March 22, 1988.

(Note: The Yankees traded Babe Ruth to the Boston Braves, where he ended his career.)

Story written but never published, incredibly titled "They'll

Huff & They'll Poffo & They'll Blow The House Down": "I raised my boys to be independent and aggressive so they'll never have to rely on anyone else. Sometimes I'm afraid I did too good of a job. Randy will only talk to Lanny and myself. He doesn't have any friends, doesn't go out on dates. I don't think that boy will ever get hitched and have little ones. And that's a damn shame—we need more Poffo genes in this world."—Angelo

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- 1) Roddy Piper
- 2) Barbarian
- 3) Warlord

True or False: Ted DiBiase's parents were both professional wrestlers.

- 1) True
- 2) False

Which of the following wrestlers did not attend West Texas State University?

- 1) Tito Santana
- 2) Wahoo McDaniel
- 3) Barry Windham
- 4) Dusty Rhodes

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Do you have a favorite wrestler who has left your area? Are you wondering where he is today? Then this special column is just for you. Each month we will update the whereabouts of four current or former wrestlers



EDDIE CREACHMAN

Unbeknownst to many fans, there was another managerial "Brain" in Creachman, who boasted one of the most sinister minds of the '60s and '70s. This cigar-chomping adviser led the careers of The Sheik and

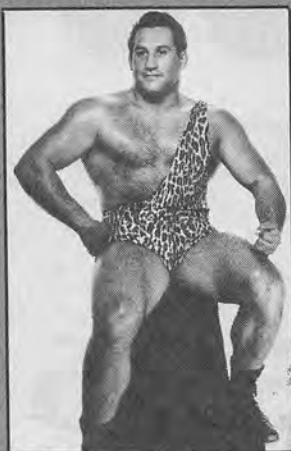
many other rulebreakers who visited Canada. "And I am not retired!" warned Creachman, who currently lives in Montreal. "Who knows? I may even come up with the next challenger for Hulk Hogan!"



TONI ADAMS

Although "Gentleman" Chris Adams still competes sporadically in independent federations, his beautiful wife, Toni, has retired from the ring wars—at least for now. "I work out regularly, and even spar with Chris," said Toni,

best remembered for her 1990 battles with Chris' ex-wife, Jeannie Clark. "I guess you can say I'm still Chris' spiritual adviser. But as for getting in the ring, I've had more than enough of that. I'd rather advise than fight."



BILLY DARNELL

This popular East Coast star of the '50s and '60s was known as the "Wrestling Chiropractor," since he not only competed several times each week, but also was a successful bone specialist at the same time. Today, the re-

tired Darnell lives in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida, and is a neighbor of an old nemesis—former NWA and WWF World champion Buddy Rogers. "Thankfully, we've mellowed toward each other since then," laughed Darnell.



ROBERT GIBSON

The former Rock 'n' Roll Express star has left WCW after several attempts to persuade Richard Morton to leave The York Foundation failed. "It took me a while to realize it, but Rick's gone bad," said a disappointed Gibson. "I don't want

to have anything to do with him anymore." The popular high-flyer has now opted to compete for the Florida Wrestling Association and other independent organizations. "It's time for a fresh start," Gibson admitted.

INSIDE WRESTLING

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CAPSULE PROFILE

CACTUS JACK IS considered by many fans to be the most uncontrollable savage in the sport today (*"And that's just the way I like it, pal"*) ... Wild-haired, gap-toothed rulebreaker is a native of Truth Or Consequences, New Mexico (*"The land where men are men and the women are glad"*) ... A wild, reckless youth (*"I was born for trouble"*) ... After venturing to New York, was trained by former wrestling star Domenic DeNucci (*"He ain't exactly my style, but he was one of the toughest ever"*) ... Demolished Kurt Kaufman in his first pro match on June 24, 1983, in Clarksburg, West Virginia (*"Beat that boy like a dog"*) ... Remained a fixture on the East Coast independent scene for the next five years (*"I paid my dues. I needed to learn my trade"*) ... Got a career break when former rulebreaker Robert Fuller recruited him into his "Stud Stable" in the USWA in 1989 (*"At last! A chance to be part of a top rulebreaking organization"*) ... Stud Stable ran rampant over the USWA for months, and Cactus and Gary Young won the CWA tag team title in October 1989 (*"Having some gold around my waist was a real thrill"*) ... After a falling out with Fuller, moved on to Gen. Skandor Ak-

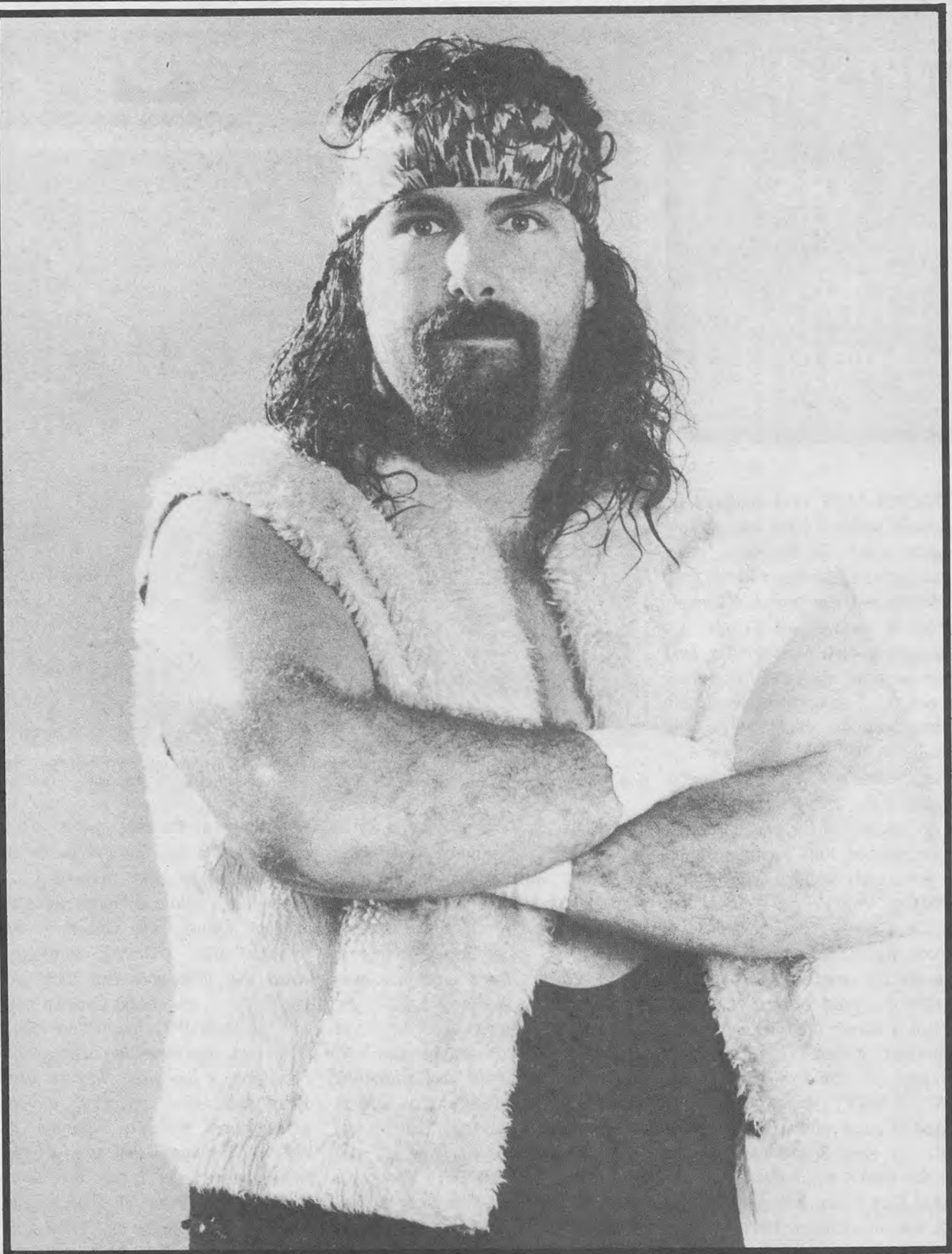
bar's stable in Texas (*"What a genius ol' Ak is"*) ... Captured USWA tag team title with Zodiac II and Cpl. Braddock in 1989 (*"By that point, I was getting pretty sick of tag teams"*) ... In 1989, joined Kevin Sullivan in WCW (*"That's three great managers I've had!"*) ... Jack and Sullivan engaged in a classic series of tag bouts against Abdullah the Butcher and Norman (*"We wiped the mat with their blood"*) ... Grew frustrated as Sullivan was unable to obtain title matches for him (*"I wanna be a champion, and nothin' else will do"*) ... Became a wrestling vagabond after that, but beginning in mid-1990, his skills grew rapidly (*"What did you expect? Chopped liver?"*) ... Began using several high-risk maneuvers, including his

elbowdrop off the ring apron (*"They say I'll bust a hip, but I've busted at least two dozen guys' sternums"*) ... Engaged in a wild and bloody series of matches against Eddie Gilbert in the Tri-State area (*"There's something about that little goof that turns my stomach"*) ... Impressed Oriental fans with his early-1991 journey to Japan (*"The fans over there don't care about good guys or bad guys. They just care about pure talent, and that's me—in spades"*) ... Recently returned to WCW (*"The time is right to prove I'm twice the wrestler I was two years ago"*) ... Has already challenged Sting for the U.S. championship (*"That California crumb will crumble under the pressure I put on him. If not, Cactus will break through in '92!"*) □



Cactus Jack, who may be the wildest man in the sport today, has been a mainstay on the independent circuit. Now he's back in WCW, and he wants Sting's U.S. title.

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CACTUS JACK

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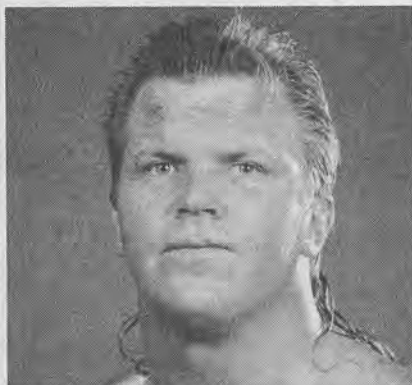
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JOHNSON CITY, TN By Tim Whitehead



**STEVE AUSTIN
vs.
BOBBY EATON**



Lady Blossom did a good job of stirring up the crowd, but, for the most part, this match for Austin's WCW TV title proved to be a solid scientific encounter. At one point, Eaton threw Austin into the ropes with such force that the top rope came loose from the turnbuckle and Austin crashed to the floor. However, Austin went on to pin Eaton with a small package to retain the belt.

OTHER BOUTS: Michael Hayes & Badstreet defeated Dutch Mantel & Black Bart ... Johnny B. Badd beat Tommy Rich ... Tom Zenk defeated Diamond Studd ... Dustin Rhodes beat Richard Morton ... Arn Anderson defeated P.N. News ... Yellow Dog beat Barry Windham by countout ... Rick Steiner & Ron Simmons defeated The Hardliners ... El Gigante won a 20-man battle royal.

MILWAUKEE, WI By Andy Abrahamson



**BRET HART
vs.
EARTHQUAKE**



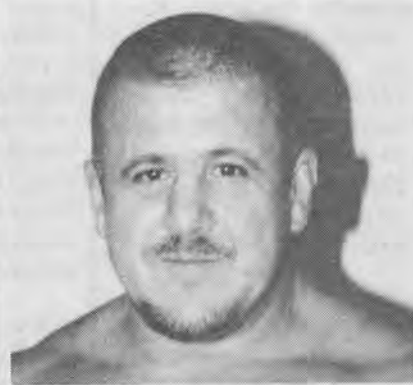
Hart, with Andre the Giant in his corner, took an early advantage, using wear-down holds to tire the big man. 'Quake quickly recovered, and the battle spilled out to the arena floor. Back in the ring, as 'Quake and the referee were distracted by fans, Andre threw Bret one of his crutches. Hart mounted the second rope, swooped down and hit 'Quake on the back, and pinned him.

OTHER BOUTS: The Ultimate Warrior defeated The Undertaker by disqualification ... Hacksaw Duggan & Virgil beat Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster ... Berzerker defeated Jimmy Snuka ... The Bushwhackers beat The Beverly Brothers by disqualification ... Rick Steamboat defeated Steve Lombardi ... Davey Boy Smith beat Typhoon by countout.

OXFORD, ME By Al Frank



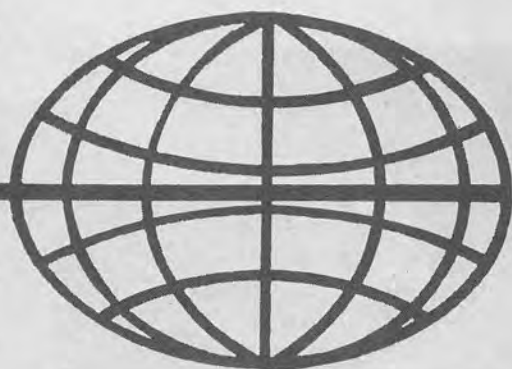
**TONY ATLAS
vs.
NIKOLAI VOLKOFF**



Atlas' ICW belt was not on the line for his encounter with the massive Russian, and it's a good thing for him it wasn't. Atlas is a known powerhouse, but big Nikolai battered him relentlessly with hard forearm smashes and well-placed boots to the legs and midsection. Atlas did manage a rally, but in the end, he just didn't have it in him this night to overcome Volkoff's desire to win, as the Russian pinned him.

OTHER BOUTS: Tyree Pride defeated Brian Bugle ... S.D. Jones beat The Black Knight ... Ray Odyssey & Big Kahuna battled The Tasmaniac & Tony Rumble to a double-countout ... Little Louie pinned Tiger Jackson ... Tyree Pride beat Freight Train Fulton ... Ray Odyssey beat The Tasmaniac by disqualification.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



FAYETTEVILLE, NC By Skip King



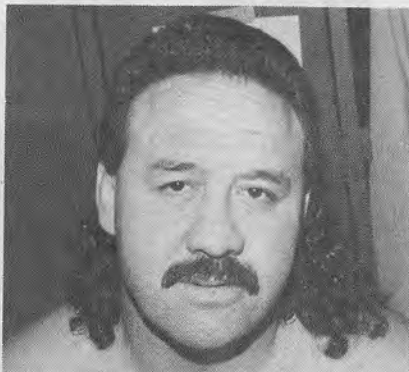
BIG JOSH
vs.
TOMMY RICH



Josh, the rugged woodsman from the Northwest, took on his former friend, who recently joined The York Foundation. Rich may not have the form that brought him the NWA World title a decade ago, but he gave Josh one heck of a bout. But Josh wasn't backing down a bit. He battered "Wildfire" with well-placed fists, and when he was through, he covered Rich for the pin.

OTHER BOUTS: Richard Morton defeated Robert Gibson ... Nikita Koloff beat Sting ... The Hardliners defeated Bobby Eaton & P.N. News ... Johnny B. Badd beat Junkyard Dog ... Arn Anderson & Larry Zbyszko beat The Freebirds ... Dustin Rhodes defeated Steve Austin.

GAFFNEY, SC By Patrick Fenn



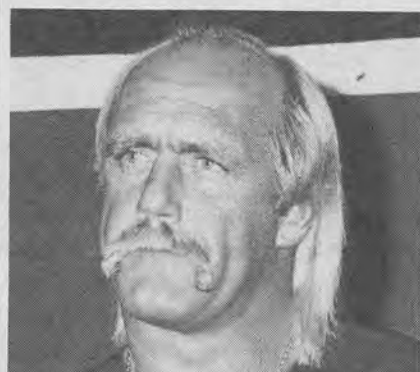
MANNY FERNANDEZ
vs.
WAHOO McDANIEL



It's hard to find two men in the sport who hate each other more than these two. From the start, they blasted each other viciously with kicks, fists, and chairs. Outside the ring, the action was even more intense, with Fernandez going so far as to bang the Indian chief's head into a soda pop machine. After that heinous maneuver, McDaniel began to bleed. Finally, things got so wild that referee Bob Horner counted out both men.

OTHER BOUTS: Chris Chavis defeated Brad Anderson ... Tommy Angel & Tommy Seabolt beat Trent Knight & Tommy Landell ... Jeff Husker defeated Scott Piper ... Rikki Nelson beat Rick Starr.

UNIONDALE, NY By Burton Crane



HULK HOGAN
vs.
WARLORD



Warlord isn't one of the "Hulkster's" frequent opponents, and that worked to the challenger's advantage. Throughout the early part of the match, the big man neutralized all of Hulk's attempts to overpower him. For a few moments, it actually looked as though Warlord had a shot at the upset. Then his manager, Slick, got involved, and Hulk became incensed. When Slick mounted the top turnbuckle, Hulk threw him onto Warlord, then rolled up Warlord for the pin.

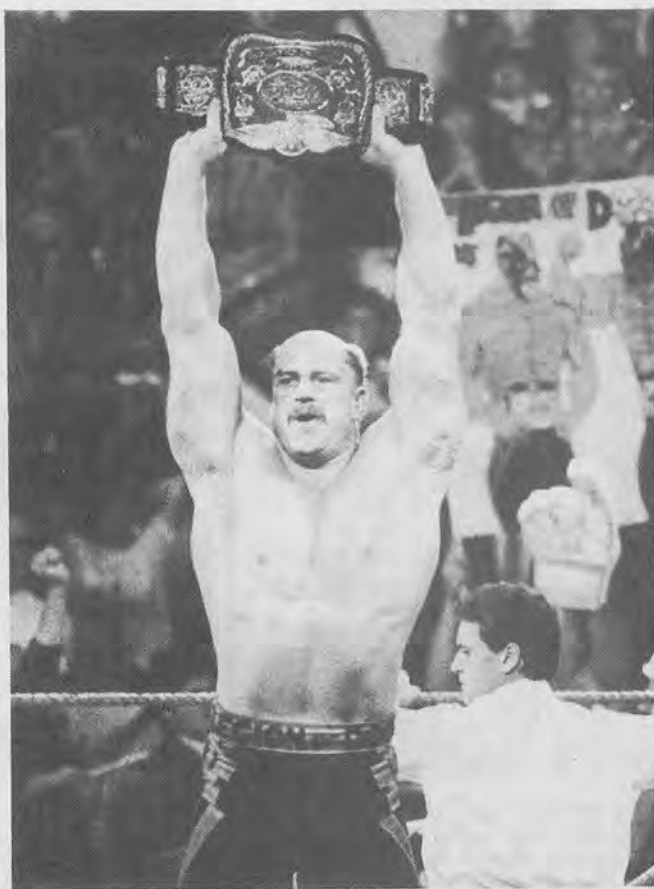
OTHER BOUTS: Paul Roma beat Greg Valentine ... Berzerker defeated Jim Powers ... Bobby Heenan pinned Mr. Fuji ... Rick Steamboat pinned Hercules ... Jimmy Snuka beat Smash ... The Beverly Brothers defeated The Bushwhackers by disqualification ... Irwin R. Schyster & Ted DiBiase beat Bret Hart & Virgil.



Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA: The good ol' days, the good ol' days, the good ol' days. Maybe they'll come back if I say it enough times. Here in Gaffney, South Carolina, an unlikely place for a great match, Wahoo McDaniel and Manny Fernandez brought back wrestling's glorious past with a bloody, brutal, and thoroughly enjoyable match, as long as you hadn't eaten within the last eight or nine hours. These guys are rivals with long memories, and they got everything out in this one. It ended with a double-countout and both wrestlers screaming for more. Undoubtedly, they'll get it. If there's one thing modern-day promoters know how to do, it's give the fans what they want. The problem is, they keep on giving it long after the fans don't want it anymore. I'm not sure that will be a problem with Fernandez vs. McDaniel. And if they keep on holding this match here, they'll have to build an international airport in Gaffney just to handle the traffic.

NEW YORK, NY: I'm not sure New York is my town anymore. That's a quite a statement for a veteran like myself to make. It's kind of like realizing that the woman you loved isn't the woman you love and the scotch you drank isn't the scotch you drink, but it's something I realized the other day while walking around town before SummerSlam '91. The place is dirtier, slime fills the streets, the homeless are all over the place, and Madison Square Garden, which will always be The Garden, just isn't the same anymore. There was a packed house for SummerSlam, of course, but it just didn't feel the same. How can I explain it? We're well past the Bruno Sammartino era. Hulk Hogan can rock the Garden every time. It still has that colorful fallen ceiling, but everything else is different. They've given an unnecessary face lift to an old friend, and I just don't recognize her anymore. At SummerSlam '91, the Garden acted as a wedding chapel for Randy Savage and Elizabeth. That's just not right. The Garden isn't a wedding chapel. It's a sports arena. At



HAWK

SummerSlam '91, Hogan stood in the ring with Sid Justice and posed for what seemed like hours. It's no longer the wrestling that gets people going. It's the show. The Legion of Doom, who will always be The Road Warriors to me, finally won the WWF World tag team belts, which was the best news of the night. Now Hawk and Animal have won the world titles in all three federations—the WWF, WCW (NWA), and the old AWA—and it's something they have a right to be proud of. They're the right team to do it. But they did it here, and I don't know about you, but The Road Warriors are Kiel Auditorium,

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not the Garden, but Kiel is gone now. Some more good news: Bret Hart beat Curt Hennig for the Intercontinental title. Hart will make a good champion, you'd better believe it, but can he make that final climb to the top? In today's wrestling world, I don't think so. In today's Garden, no way.

ATLANTA, GA: I don't like what has happened to Lex Luger. He has given himself away to Harley Race and Mr. Hughes, just like he gave himself away to The Four Horsemen back in 1987, and that can only be bad news for the WCW World champion. You know, here's a guy who worked so hard to reach the top, he finally grabbed the gold, and now he's sharing the glory with two men who didn't even help him get there. It doesn't make much



MR. HUGHES, LEX LUGER, & HARLEY RACE

sense, but then again, Luger has never made much sense. He keeps bouncing back and forth, a fan favorite one day, a rulebreaker the next, and who knows where he's going. Wrestling has seen very few talents like Luger, a real gem among rocks, but it has also seen very few characters that are as unstable. Now, your old friend Brock just said a lot. The problems is that Luger never heeds anybody's advice. He's a man who follows his own agenda. That's something Race and Hughes had better realize, because soon they'll be a thing of the past, too.



HULK HOGAN

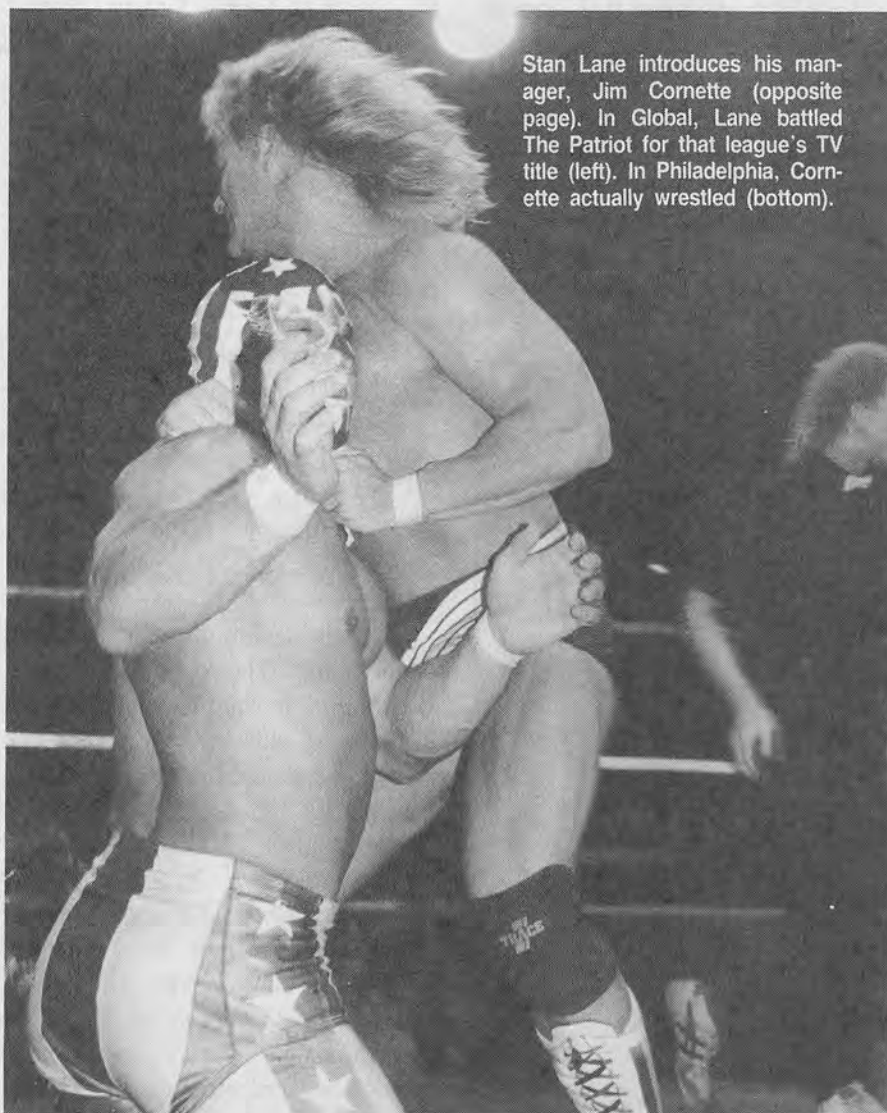
AUGUSTA, GA: Birthplace of the "Hulkster." You know, it's hard to believe that WWF hero Hulk Hogan was born in WCW territory. But right here on August 11, 1953, Hogan was born at St. Joseph's Hospital. Well, I was here on August 11 and there was absolutely no mention of Hogan's birthday, no sign that he was born here. I walked the streets. I asked people if they remembered Hogan. Most of them remembered him and know him now. I asked them if they knew today was his birthday. Nobody knew. I saw a teenager playing in the street. He was wearing a Hulkamania T-shirt. I told him that today was Hogan's birthday. He said "Happy Birthday, Hulk." I went into a bar. Sat on a stool. Wrestling was on TV. Hogan was wrestling some bum. There was no mention that today was his birthday. Ordered a glass of scotch. Realized I don't drink scotch anymore. Went to the phone and tried to call a dame I once knew. Realized I didn't have a phone number. Headed to the airport, hopped on a plane to New York, took a taxi to the Garden, and sat in front of it all night, staring down the bums and trying to recapture the ghosts of wrestling. Millions of people watch the sport, but does anybody really know what they're watching? □

JIM CORNETTE & STAN LANE:



RIDING THE EXPRESS TO NOWHERE

When The Midnight Express split up in 1990, Bobby Eaton soared into superstardom. But Stan Lane and his manager, Jim Cornette, have jumped from federation to federation searching for glory that has yet to come. It's gotten so bad that the manager and wrestler have begun *teaming*—with disastrous results!



Stan Lane introduces his manager, Jim Cornette (opposite page). In Global, Lane battled The Patriot for that league's TV title (left). In Philadelphia, Cornette actually wrestled (bottom).

"I just wished your *parents* had used better timing," responded Lane. "So what city are we off to tomorrow?"

"Let me check the itinerary," said the beleaguered Cornette, rifling through his travel bag. "Oh, here we go. Altoona . . ." Cornette barely got the name out before a Wahl hair trimmer went sailing past his head.

Such is life for this odd duo these days. In 1990, The Midnight Express—Lane and Bobby Eaton—ranked as the reigning U.S. tag team champions, and numbered among the finest tag teams in history. But by the time the year drew to a close, the partners in the Express—Lane and Bobby Eaton—took radically different career paths.

When Lane and Cornette chose to leave WCW following a contract dispute, Eaton opted to remain with the federation. For the first time in nearly a decade, "Beautiful" Bobby was a solo wrestler—and relished it. By May 1991, Eaton had defeated no less a competitor than Arn Anderson to win the WCW TV title. Even though Eaton lost the championship to Steve Austin two months later, he had established himself as one of the federation's most popular competitors.

By Dave Rosenbaum

BANG! WHEN THE boot hit the shower stall, the rusted glass door flew off its hinges and hit the floor with a loud crash.

"I can't believe you, man!" screamed Stan Lane as he threw his personal belongings around his personal dressing area at the Philadelphia Civic Center. "I mean, the *stinking* Fantastics! How long's it been since those twerps wrestled in the U.S.—three years? But we get beat! How does this happen?"

With that, a bottle of Pert Plus sailed into the hallway. Jim Cornette, holding a hot water bottle on his head, was in no mood for complaints.

"Stop your griping!" snapped the aching "Louisville Slugger." "It's just that my timing's not what it used to be, that's all."



Photos by Roy London

Lane has *never* coveted popularity, but he's never wanted to be anything less than a reigning superstar, either. Thanks to some questionable business decisions by Cornette, Lane is currently mired in career doldrums that are every bit as surprising as Eaton's sudden rise to prominence.

When Lane and Cornette first struck out on their own, they headed

for Virginia. It was there that Cornette spotted a slender youngster named Jeff Collette. He merged the martial arts talent of Lane with the mat skills of Collette, and the new team quickly won the Virginia tag team title.

"It felt good to have a belt around my waist again," said Lane in a shockingly frank locker room conversation recently. "Collette was a good

kid—but then we left Virginia. Why? I don't know—ask the genius over there."

Lane pointed at Cornette. It's not hard to figure his frustration. After the stint in Virginia, Lane made only sporadic appearances in independent federations across the country. Cornette claimed it was exactly the kind of life Lane wanted.

"It's like a working vacation," the quick-witted Cornette often told the press. "Stan's getting plenty of beach time with all the beach bunnies he can get his hands on. Hey, after three years of solid tag teaming, Stanley wants a little rest. He deserves it—and so do I."

To all appearances, everything seemed fine. The only trouble was, Lane *wasn't* looking to slow down. In fact, it was only at Lane's insistence that he was entered in the recent tournaments for the newly created Global TV and North American championships.

"I couldn't believe it when Cornette said he was too busy for those tourneys," said Lane angrily. "*Too busy?* For two major titles in an important new federation? I know Jimbo's been busy as an announcer for the LPWA, but he's got to get his priorities straight. I told him I was entering those tournaments—and that meant either with him or *without* him."

Cornette accompanied Lane to the Global Dome for the tournaments, but Lane probably wishes his manager had stayed home. In both tourneys, Lane was pinned by newcomer The Patriot—and in both cases, it was a foulup by Cornette that preceded the pinfall. After the matches, Lane openly ripped his manager on national television.

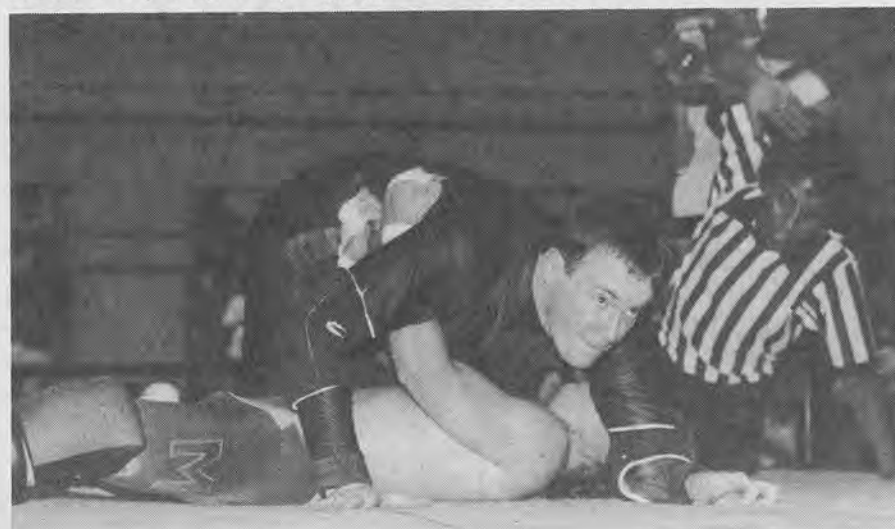
"I *told* Stan it was a mistake to enter those tourneys," said Cornette after the North American tournament was completed. "Stan's a great talent, but he's spent the majority of his time in tag teams. That's the venue where 'Sweet' Stan really shines."

Unfortunately for Lane, Cornette *did* form a new tag team—The "New" Midnight Express consisting of Lane

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Ring wars in all parts of the country (above) have Lane frustrated. He wants some stability, but Cornette (below), hardly a grappler himself, insists "Sweet Stan" is satisfied.





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ALEXANDRA YORK:

"IF YOU WANT
TO BE IN MY
FOUNDATION,
YOU MUST ..."





Richard Morton wrestles his old partner Robert Gibson as York looks on (left). Terrence Taylor seems desperate for York's help (below). The head of The York Foundation says requirements for joining the clique are too stringent for most.



By Ms. Alexandra York

As The York Foundation grows, Alexandra York gains more power. The brainy brunette claims she's besieged by wrestlers who lust to join her computerized clique. In this feature contributed by York, find out what it takes to be a member of the sport's newest—and most elite—rulebreaking organization!

FIRST OFF, I would like to make one important statement: You fans out there can forget all about it.

If any of you unwashed cretins are harboring any kind of foolish desire to join the The York Foundation in some kind of subservient capacity, such as a porter or a chauffeur, you can forget it right now. I don't mix with the underclasses. I also don't turn on my word processor for a project such

as this unless I have a darn good reason.

Right now, I'm trying to get a message out to many wrestlers out there. Since the sports world is seeing the vast success of Richard Morton, Terrence Taylor, and Thomas Rich—not to mention the obvious increases in their earn-

ings—it seems every wrestler in WCW (and other federations) wants to be a member of The York Foundation.

Fat chance, boys. My requirements to even be *considered* as a member of my elite Foundation are so stringent, so demanding, and so rigid that most wrestlers

can't come close to making the cut. A York Foundation wrestler must be intelligent but cunning, independent yet willing to take orders, and athletic but not overmuscled supermen. They must be a combination of everything that makes champions in both the sports and business worlds.

Take Thomas Rich, for example. I know that many of you idiot fans believed this man was just a bumpkin from Tennessee, a washed-up, burned-out relic of the early-'80s. But after sitting down and conversing with Mr. Rich, I soon realized that just because he was from the South didn't mean he couldn't be totally remade—his look, his demeanor, his ring style. Now, thanks to my system (not to mention my computer), he's on the kind of winning streak he hasn't had in a decade. After this kind of success, how can anyone dare question my methods?

The York Foundation has become so powerful and influential that I can now afford to sell off a spare part now and again. When I started out in 1990, Mr. Hughes was our bodyguard, and he did an excellent job. But when Harley Race offered me a king's ransom for his services, I could afford to let him go, because I knew I had Rich coming in. See how it works? We lose a piece, we gain a piece, but at the same time, we gain a fortune.

However, I still haven't gotten to the heart of the matter here. Since it seems like everyone in trunks is beating down my door and burning up my fax machine trying to get in touch with me, I'm laying out the requirements to be a York Foundation member right here for everyone to see. So boys, if you can't live up to these standards, well, try McDonald's. I understand they pay more than minimum wage now.

So read and heed these instructions, dear wrestlers, or continue to live in desperation and poverty:



York is adamant that her methods have helped Taylor, the "computerized man of the '90s" (above). She isn't afraid to jaw with the referee, either (opposite page).

To be a member of The York Foundation, you must be a member of my company. Get it? You just don't join my firm and expect to get a big pile of money for winning your matches. Instead, you must sign over all your contracts and accounts to me. If you want to be a member of the Foundation, you *must* be a member of The York Foundation Credit Union.

From the moment you join, you become part of the fastest growing financial empire in the wrestling world. There's a retirement fund, pension plan, and even a bonus system. You get to take advantage of all the tax loopholes and pyramid benefits. In other words, the company can't prosper if you don't contribute. But if you do, you'll be set for life in a matter of months.

To be a member of The York Foundation, you must follow the computer's instructions at all times. Like I've been saying for months, the computer doesn't lie. I've been working on this wrestling program for years, and I'm



Mr. Hughes is gone as "head of security," but the Foundation thrives.

not about to let some dumb grappler stray from my fail-safe concept.

Take Larry Zbyszko, for instance. For weeks, he teamed with Mr. Taylor, and the results were often quite impressive. But he strayed from the computer's match objectives too much. He actually



thought he could outthink almost a million dollars worth of technology!

Naturally, losses followed, and we found Zbyszko's ego just couldn't take being told what to do—even when it was to his benefit. A York Foundation wrestler must truly be a "computerized man of the '90s"—or he's out.

To be a member of The York Foundation, you must forget about traditional training techniques. Not only does the Foundation rework your financial portfolio, but we rework your body as well. No need for huge, bulging physiques here. Instead, we stress a lean, trim, aerobically superior athlete. After three weeks in my program, you'll begin to see and feel a difference that will stay with you the rest of your life.

Naturally, there are some muscleheads out there who just can't fathom the program. Too bad. My boys will look the same 20 years from now, while the giants will resemble melted ice cream sundaes. Idiots.

To be a member of The York Foundation, you must keep your mind on business—and keep your hands to yourself. Can you believe that Dustin Rhodes? I asked him if he wanted to join my Foundation, and he grabbed me and kissed me! Bad move, buster. No hanky-panky in the workplace, particularly where I'm involved.

Some subhumans with arrested development are still of the belief that women aren't cut out to be business leaders. Well, Terrence, Thomas, and Richard know better. They can separate business from pleasure. If a wrestler can't, he has no business with me—particularly that disgusting hick Rhodes.

If you think you can follow these guidelines, try to get in touch with me, wrestlers. My lawyer will contact your lawyer—and if you don't have a lawyer, don't bother me. I don't waste my time with dumb jocks!

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A Night To Remember:



SUMMERSLAM PROVIDES HEAT FOR THE COLD MONTHS AHEAD

AS THE DOG days of summer drew to a close on a sultry night in New York City, more than 20,000 fans packed the refurbished Madison Square Garden, which has justly been nicknamed the "World's Greatest Arena" for the string of history-making events that have taken place there.

On the night of August

26, WWF wrestling added significantly to that history.

SummerSlam 1991 turned out to be a night full of important events. From the wedding of Randy Savage and Elizabeth to the exciting main event pitting WWF World champion Hulk Hogan and The Ultimate Warrior against the "Triangle of Terror"—Sgt. Slaughter,

Col. Mustafa, and Gen. Adnan—SummerSlam lived up to its advance billing as one of the most important wrestling events of the year.

If you missed the live event or the pay-per-view broadcast, don't worry: *Inside Wrestling's* team of reporters and photographers were on hand to provide comprehensive coverage.

It was a night that saw two major titles change hands. It was a night that saw a long-suffering valet finally gain revenge on his brutal former employer. And it was a night that saw a new star conquer the WWF. It was SummerSlam '91, a spectacular mega-event that scorched a hot August night in New York—but the flames aren't through burning yet!

Photos by David Fitzgerald

KOKO B. WARE vs. KATO

This opening match was not shown on the national pay-per-view telecast, but it surely wasn't lacking for excitement. The popular Ware, as always, showed up at the arena accompanied by his pet parrot, Frankie, which delighted young fans throughout the Garden. His opponent, the masked Japanese star Kato of The Orient Express, was accompanied by manager Mr. Fuji, which disgusted fans of all ages.

Even the presence of the sinister Fuji was not enough to counter the talents of the high-flying Ware. Early on, Kato tried to subdue his upbeat foe with karate thrusts and chops, but Ware used his agility to stay out of the line of fire. Ware used a suplex to pin his outwitted foe at the 6:03 mark and get SummerSlam off to a blazing start.



In a match not shown on the national pay-per-view telecast, Koko B. Ware used his devastating dropkick (above) to pin Kato of The Orient Express.

ring with Power & Glory—Hercules and Roma—a team that hadn't scored an important victory in months. A loss in this bout could stunt the hot streak of Warlord, the 360-pound Chicago native that had worked his way into contention for Hulk Hogan's WWF World title.

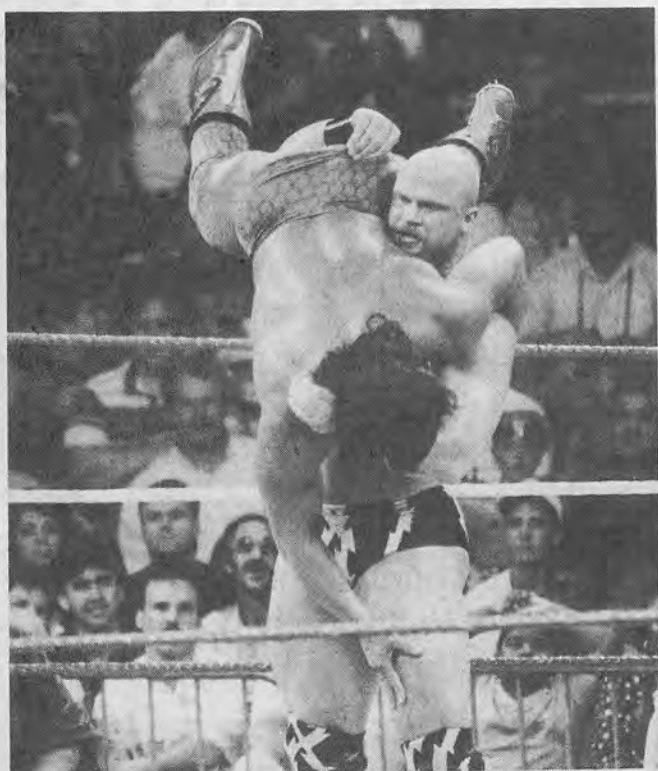
Warlord and Power & Glory actually enjoyed the advantage during the early part of the bout, as Warlord's incredible power brought both Von Erich and Smith to their knees. However, both the "Texas Tornado" and the "British Bulldog" fought

back gamely against Hercules and Roma, sending the rulebreakers running from the ring to regroup.

In the end, it turned out to be Steamboat's night to shine. "The Dragon" has lusted to show WWF fans that his skills have not diminished since he held the WCW World title two years ago, and in this match he certainly proved the point. As all six men brawled in the center of the ring, the Hawaiian star climbed to the top turnbuckle and caught Roma with an amazing flying bodypress to capture the pinfall at the 10:43 mark.

KERRY VON ERICH, RICK STEAMBOAT, & DAVEY BOY SMITH vs. THE WARLORD, HERCULES, & PAUL ROMA

From the start, it seemed like a bad idea for manager Slick to put his hottest wrestler, The Warlord, in the



Warlord overpowered Rick Steamboat (above), but Davey Boy Smith's suplex (right) helped his squad win the match.



THE NATURAL DISASTERS vs. THE BUSHWHACKERS

This match turned out to be a disaster for the badly overmatched Luke Williams and Butch Miller. But how many teams can stand up to the 869-pound assault of Jimmy Hart's incredible duo of Earthquake and Typhoon?

The massive pair had been on a hot streak entering this match, capturing victories over The Bushwhackers on previous cards. Realizing they needed assistance against this incredible force, Miller and Williams invited Andre the Giant to ringside for this bout—even though Andre had been crippled by knee surgery and could only walk with the aid of metal crutches.

Andre should have stayed home—and so should have The Bushwhackers. Early on, the match took on more the feel of a midget match than a serious athletic contest, as Miller and Williams befuddled the rulebreakers with their comical antics. But with the immobile Andre only able to look on with disgust, Earthquake caught Williams with an "earthquake" splash to win the match in only 6:27.

Interestingly, the match's most important moment took place after the pinfall when Earthquake and Typhoon threatened the helpless Andre. The Legion of Doom rushed from the dressing room to protect the Giant, setting the tone for possible future LOD-Disasters skirmishes.

VIRGIL vs. TED DiBIASE

For the former valet, Virgil, this bout was doubly important. If he could defeat the "Million-Dollar Man," he'd establish himself as a true wrestler, not merely a ringside helper. In addition, the winner of the match would control DiBiase's gold- and diamond-adorned "million-dollar belt," which is reportedly valued at exactly that amount.

A charged-up Virgil attacked DiBiase before the bell, pulling him from the middle turnbuckle and sending him soaring over the top rope with a



brutal clothesline.

Sensational Sherri, realizing her man DiBiase was in trouble, raced into the ring and belted Virgil in the head with her lead-lined purse as DiBiase held Virgil in his "million-dollar dream" sleeperhold. Referee Dave Hebner ordered Sherri back to the dressing room, then ordered the match to continue.

It appeared that DiBiase would retain his garish belt after Hebner was knocked out following a collision with Virgil. With Virgil and Hebner rolling about the canvas, DiBiase walked to the far corner of the ring and pulled off a protective turnbuckle pad. DiBiase then lifted Virgil off



Virgil's desire to win the "million-dollar belt" (bottom right) from Ted DiBiase (above) wasn't dampened by Sherri (below).



The Bushwhackers' double-teaming of Earthquake (above) didn't save Luke Williams from 'Quake's "earthquake" (below).



the canvas, held him up by the neck, and began verbally abusing him.

DiBiase believed he was humiliating Virgil, but in reality DiBiase's hate-filled words were inspiring Virgil to fight back against his longtime tormentor. DiBiase tried to whip Virgil into the unprotected corner, but Virgil reversed the attempt and bashed DiBiase's face into the iron buckle twice. Virgil covered DiBiase in time for the revived Hebner to make the count at the 13:11 mark.





Irwin R. Schyster's clotheslining of Greg Valentine (above) was a critical component of his victory.

IRWIN R. SCHYSTER vs. GREG VALENTINE

On paper, this encounter looked like an even matchup, with the veteran "Hammer" going up against the suddenly brutal I.R.S., former scientific star Mike Rotundo. The bout turned out to be as even as forecast, with only a momentary lapse of concentration by Valentine turning out to be the difference in the contest.

In fact, Valentine enjoyed the advantage for most of the match, battering Schyster's leg in hope of locking his opponent in a figure-four leglock. But when Valentine attempted the maneuver, Schyster reached up and pulled Valentine into an inside cradle to score an easy victory at the 7:07 mark.

THE MOUNTIE vs. BIG BOSSMAN

This "jailhouse" match had a unique stipulation: The loser was to be forced to spend the night in a New York City cell. Where the financially strapped New York City Police Department found the time to be engaged in such frivolous activity was a much-asked question, but it didn't take away from the intensity of this brutal encounter.

From the opening bell, Bossman battered Mountie unmercifully, ham-

mering the ersatz Canadian law enforcement official with slams and punches. It was only after Hart cajoled Bossman into leaving the ring that Mountie was able to gain an advantage—by blasting Bossman from behind, naturally.

Mountie kept up the pressure by smashing Bossman with fists and kneedrops. When Mountie blasted Bossman with a piledriver, Bossman was barely able to roll out of the pin attempt. But when Mountie later attempted the same maneuver, Bossman lifted Mountie over his shoulders and smashed him with a power bomb—which led to the pinfall at 9:38 and a very bad night for Mountie.



Mountie's piledriver stunned Big Bossman (above left), but Bossman outmaneuvered his foe (above right) to score the pin. Mountie is cuffed (below).



BRET HART vs. CURT HENNIG

This was the most highly anticipated bout on the card. The fans were looking for a hard-fought struggle between two of the most technically proficient men in the sport, and that's exactly what they got.

Hennig and Hart traded the advantage what seemed dozens of times. Hennig, as usual, had manager John Tolos at ringside for moral support. But Hart had someone *really* special—his parents, Stu and Helen Hart—in the stands to cheer him on in this important contest.

The final seven minutes of this match were classic. At one point, Hennig blasted Hart with two atomic drops, several suplexes, head-first runs into the ring corner, and even his "perfectplex" finisher—but Hart kicked out of every pin attempt.

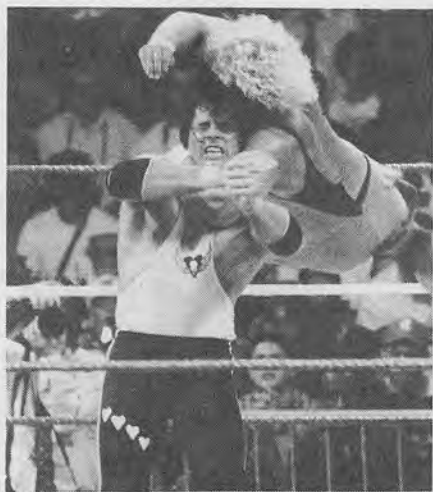
Likewise, Hart tried everything in his arsenal to pin Hennig, including a Russian legsweep, backbreaker, and a flying fistdrop, but Curt kicked out every time.

Later, Hennig focused his attention on Hart's legs. "Mr. Perfect" smashed Hart's leg with a legdrop. But when he tried the same move a second time, Hart grabbed Hennig's right leg, scissored it, and maneuvered Hennig into his "sharpshooter" version of the scorpion leglock. Shockingly, Hennig immediately submitted, giving Hart the victory at the 18:04 mark.

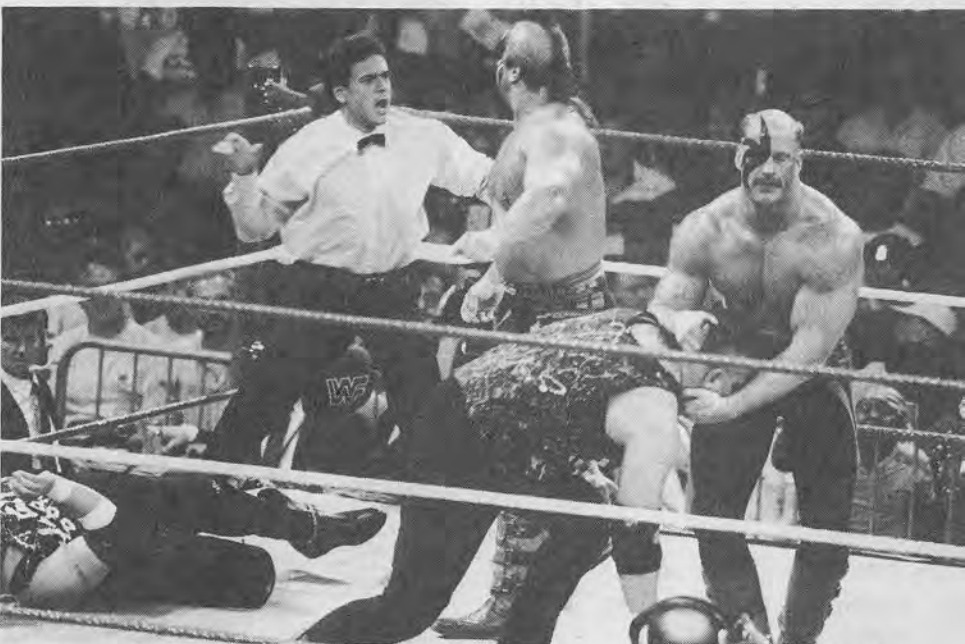
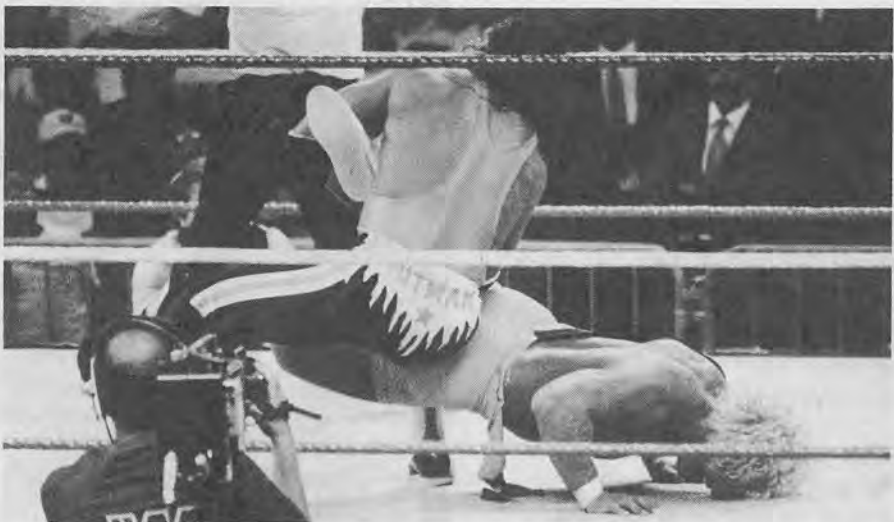
Following the bout, Hennig, perhaps noting how successful Hart has become on his own, fired "Coach" Tolos.

THE LEGION OF DOOM vs. THE NASTY BOYS

This no-disqualification match was the perfect forum for Animal and Hawk to batter Brian Knobs and Jerry Sags without fear of retribution from officials. The former Road Warriors went into the match angry about several disputed decisions against the Nastys during the previous five months. After this match was completed, however, there was no question about who the *true*



For wrestling at its finest, it doesn't get much better than Bret Hart vs. Curt Hennig. After a long struggle for the advantage (above), Hart blasted "Mr. Perfect" with a backbreaker (right), then forced him to submit with a "sharpshooter" leglock (below).



As referee Joey Marella exhorted Animal to return to his corner, Hawk set up Nasty Boy Jerry Sags for some more punishment (above).

WWF World tag team champions were.

Surprisingly to some, Sags and Knobs held the advantage during the early going, but a tactical error by manager Jimmy Hart turned the bout into a fiasco for the Nastys. As all four men battled in the ring, Hawk threw Knobs to the arena floor. Hart raced over to assist Knobs, but Hawk had followed Knobs out of the ring.

Hawk grabbed Hart, spun him around, and kicked him in the stomach. The force of the blow caused Hart to lose control of his fiberglass motorcycle helmet, which landed in Hawk's hands.

The huge Chicago brawler smashed the helmet in Knobs' face, then climbed to the apron and crashed the helmet on the back of Sags' head. Animal lifted the dazed Sags onto his shoulders, and Hawk blasted him with a clothesline from the top turnbuckle. When Animal scored the pin at the 7:45 mark, it made the LOD the first team in wrestling history to hold the World tag team titles of the AWA, WCW, and WWF.

HULK HOGAN & THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR vs. SGT. SLAUGHTER, COL. MUSTAFA, & GEN. ADNAN

In the main event, Hogan and the Warrior easily defeated the anti-American trio when Hogan pinned Slaughter after throwing a handful of powder in the former Marine drill instructor's face and following up with a legdrop at the 12:40 mark. The biggest news of this event, however, came before and after the actual match.

The first man in the ring was special referee Sid Justice, who received the loudest cheers of the evening. The 6'8" former Skyscraper had pledged to remain neutral, and did just that—even when he had flareups with members of both teams.

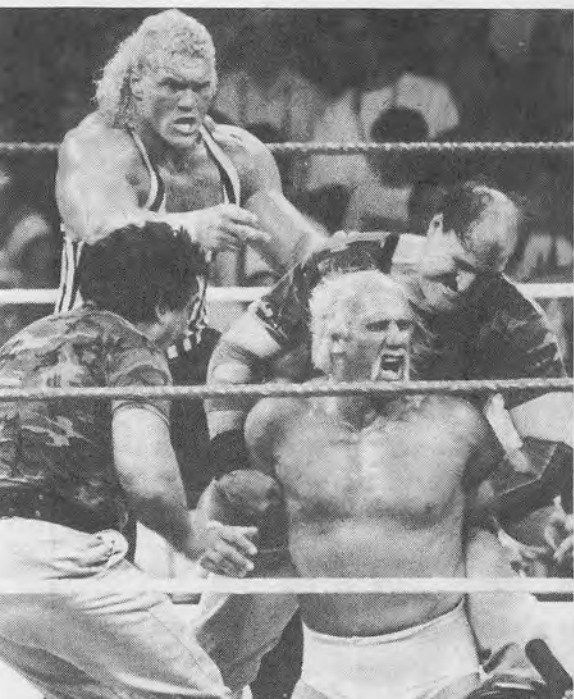
After Justice counted the final pinfall and departed for the referees'



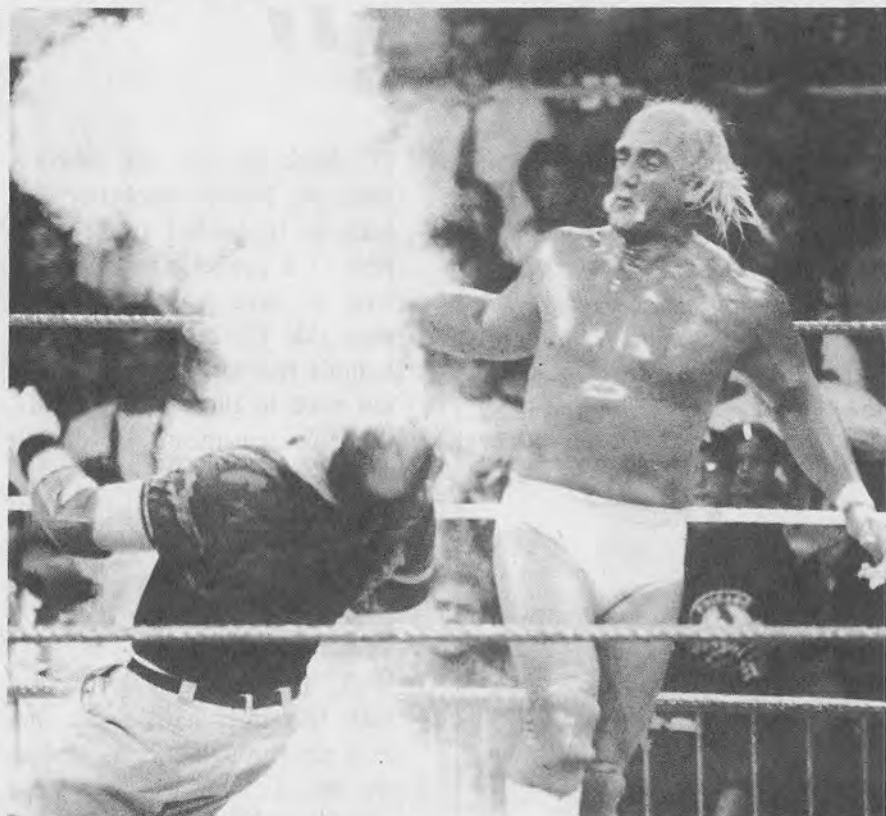
After Hawk blasted Brian Knobs with Jimmy Hart's motorcycle helmet (above), he clotheslined Sags from off the top rope (below) for the pin and the World tag team title.



WWF World champion Hulk Hogan booted Sgt. Slaughter in the face in full view of special referee Sid Justice (above), who strove to remain neutral.



Justice refused to allow the "Triangle of Terror" to excessively double-team Hogan (left) and The Ultimate Warrior (above). Hogan pinned Slaughter after delivering a handful of powder to the face (below left).



The wedding of "Macho Man" Randy Savage and Elizabeth (above and below) was a glorious end to a memorable night.



THE MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Forget the incident at the reception where Jake Roberts and The Undertaker turned things sour. Instead, we prefer to remember the most lavish wedding at MSG since producer Mike Todd married Elizabeth Taylor at the arena during the '60s.

This wedding had everything a solemn ceremony could call for: thousands of flowers, a dapper groom in

Randy Savage, and—most importantly—a beautiful bride in Elizabeth.

After the couple exchanged vows, thousands of balloons, streamers, and a ton of confetti were released into the Garden, ranking as one of the most spectacular sights ever seen at the venerable arena. It was a fitting end to one of the greatest cards ever held in the famous building. □

HOTSEAT

LEATHERFACE

"WELCOME TO MY MEMPHIS CHAINSAW MASSACRE!"

THERE'S THE LOOK, the sound, and worst of all, the smell. Gaze upon the grotesque face. Hear the ominous roar of whirring blade and the smoky motor. Smell the gas and oil in the air. It's the Bogey Man come to life. Look out for Leatherface!

This fright-masked, chainsaw-wielding giant was brought to the USWA by Southern champion Eric Embry, who claimed Leatherface was the same serial killer who became the basis for the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" horror films.

Fans laughed at the idea, but once they saw Leatherface chase several USWA fan favorites with a real, running chainsaw, their scoffs turned into shrieks of sheer terror. And when Leatherface, now under the management of Tojo Yamamoto, carved up several rings and television studios, USWA officials knew they had a serious problem on their hands.

Understandably, Memphis legend Jerry "The King" Lawler was not pleased about the presence of this USWA newcomer. The former USWA champion challenged the

lumbering Leatherface to a series of matches, and defeated the oddity several times. But winning was not enough for Lawler. He wanted to unmask this man, and, eventually he was able to do just that. It didn't do any good, however. No one knew who he was, anyway. So

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I never want my face seen. I want to hide from those who want to hurt me.

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Leatherface continues his silent reign of terror.

We at Inside Wrestling knew it was our responsibility to interview Leatherface, but when it came time to ask for volunteers, no one stood forward. Associate Editor Bob Smith drew the short straw.

Q: I'd thank you for this interview time, but I don't think I've ever been so frightened at the prospect of a conversation. Do you have to have that chainsaw by your side all the time?

A: I don't feel safe without it. I'm not used to the outside world.

Q: What do you mean . . . outside world?

A: I'm not used to being out of doors. I don't feel right around all these people. I want to go home. Where's Mr. Tojo? I don't like to talk.

Q: Well, I'm not exactly thrilled with this interview, either, but let's get through this as best as we can. Let me ask you some simple questions. Where are you from? Do you have any wrestling experience?

A: (no response)

Q: Can you hear me? What made you decide to become a wrestler?

A: (no response)

Q: My best interview since Silento Rodriguez.

A: Don't you dare make fun of me. I can't stand it when people make fun of me! You're alone





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“[Jerry] Lawler must be punished. He’s got to feel all the hurt and humiliation. He’s going to get it. He’s gonna get cut!”

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with me in this room now. Don’t you realize what I can do to you? I can carve you up so badly that there would be nothing left but bloody entrails. I can turn your marrow into splinters, turn your muscles into mush. So don’t you ever, *ever* say anything bad about me again, or I’ll make you pay for it. So welcome to what Mr. Tojo calls my Memphis chainsaw massacre. Do you understand me?

Q: Uh, loud and clear. But how did a person like you get involved in pro wrestling? I have a feeling Eric Embry had something to do with this.

A: Eric’s my friend. Eric is the man who brought me to Tennessee. I have never been here before. He is the one who has told me who all the good people and bad people are. He told me who I must destroy.

Q: All right. Who are the good people—and the bad people?

A: The good people are all my friends. Eric, Mr. Tojo, Dr. Tom [Prichard], little Miss Texas. The bad people I must wipe out, carve up like tree limbs. Men with names like Lawler. Dirty White Man. Jarrett. Davis. Fuller. I have studied these men’s pictures late at night when I am alone. I know who they are. I know what I must do.

Q: And what must you do, Leatherface?

A: I must get rid of them all so that my friends won’t suffer. These bad men are out to hurt my friends. I don’t want that. My friends feed me. They give me a place to stay. They bought me new pants and aprons. They’re good to me, so I must do bad things to the bad people.

Q: Can you tell me anything at all about your past? I mean, you must have had a childhood. Like they say, everybody’s got a mother.

A: Yes, I had a mother. Yes, my mama . . . she’s not around anymore. No papa. I don’t remember him too good. We lived in Austin . . . It was hot there. We had the farmhouse, the animals . . . That’s where I learned how to use the chainsaw. My daddy showed me how . . . Then he was gone. Then Mama was gone, too, and then they took me away . . .

Q: What happened, Leatherface?

A: *(silent, except for the sound of low sobbing)*

Q: That’s all right, fella. Look, I don’t like what you’ve been doing. That chainsaw has no business anywhere near a wrestling ring. Can’t you understand that? The only reason that people don’t like you is because of that saw, you know. To me, you just seem to be misunderstood.

A: *(Stuttering)* I don’t, don’t, *don’t* care. Don’t care. People have al-



USWA champion Jerry Lawler succeeded in unmasking Leatherface, so now the rubber-masked grappler vows to cut down “The King,” literally.

ways been mean to me. When I was a kid, the others wouldn’t play with me. Adults always abandoned me. No one cares about Leatherface. So I don’t need to have those fans around me. They better not get too close. See this, this, this chainsaw? I can cut through a car with this—I know, I’ve done it. This can cut through the biggest bones and the hardest skulls—I know . . .

Q: Don’t say it! Look, if you ever use that chainsaw against another wrestler, you’ll be arrested. But lately, Yamamoto seems to have you under better control. At times, you don’t even bring the chainsaw to the ring anymore.

A: I don’t need a chainsaw to beat these opponents. Embry and Mr. Tojo and Dr. Tom have taught me lots of things. They say I’m 6’6” and 320 pounds, so I don’t need much training. They build my confidence, and now I am unbeatable. Suplex. Bodyslam. Punch. Kick. Clothesline. I know how to do all of these things. Sometimes, my apron

and boots slow me down, but I am bigger and stronger than anyone else in Tennessee. I can beat them all.

Q: Including Jerry Lawler?

A: (*frantic*) Lawler! He showed them my face! He showed them my face! My face. *No one* sees my face! He showed them my face!

Q: That's right. Lawler unmasked you a few weeks ago.

A: I never want my face seen. I want to hide from those who want to hurt me. For this, Lawler must be punished, the same way I was punished for years. He's got to feel all the hurt and humiliation. He's going to get it. Get it! He's gonna get it! He's gonna get cut!

Q: You *know* you can't do that.

A: I don't care. Lawler's getting cut. He hurts my friends a lot, too. After a match, Embry came back to the locker room all bloody. For that, Lawler must

be cut. He's a bad man. *Bad* man. I'm gonna get rid of him.

Q: I don't like the way you're talking. Do you have any concept of what this sport is about? Don't you want to win titles—or even matches, for that matter? You get disqualified more than any wrestler I've seen in years.

A: I am not here to win or lose. I am here to do whatever Tojo and Embry tell me to do. They are pleased with what I've done so far, but I can do better. I want to face these Jarrett and Fuller people. I think I can beat them both at the same time.

Q: Wait a second. Those are the USWA tag team champions you're talking about. In my opinion, they're the finest team to hit Memphis in five years.

A: Champions? What does that mean? I don't care. This Jarrett is small, and Fuller is an older man. They're bad men just like Lawler. I can beat them both.



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“Eric [Embry's] my friend. He told me who all the good people and bad people are. He told me who I must destroy.”

”



Aside from his hatred of Lawler, Leatherface has also targeted USWA fan favorites like Jeff Jarrett, Robert Fuller, and Tony Anthony.

Eric has promised me that if I can hurt them all, I get to go back to my home again. That's what I'd like. I want to go home.

Q: You want to go back to Texas?

A: Oh, yes. That's what I want. I want to go back, to see the house I grew up in. I miss it all so bad it hurts. But it's been so long since I've been there, I hardly remember it. That's all I want. I want to go home.

Q: Leatherface, I hope you get your wish. I also hope that somehow, someday, you get rid of Embry and Tojo and find some people who really care about you. I care about you, Leatherface.

A: No one cares about Leatherface. No one ever has, no one ever will. Go away. I have people to hurt tonight—and if I do good, I go home. And I'd cut *anybody*, if they'd just let me go home. *Please* let me go home. □

Ron Simmons' powerful shoulderblock is enough to floor WCW World champion Lex Luger, and may be enough to capture the title.

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"You know, the one thing I never fully realized before was how your mental state affects your physical state,"

Simmons said. "I've always had the physique, but my mind wasn't feeding it with additional energy because I was just going the wrong way. Now that I'm on the right track, I feel 10 times stronger and more confident."

He has a right to feel at peace with himself. Simmons is not only a fan favorite, he's also a do-gooder. He recently arranged for two busloads of underprivileged children to attend his August 26 Great American Bash match against

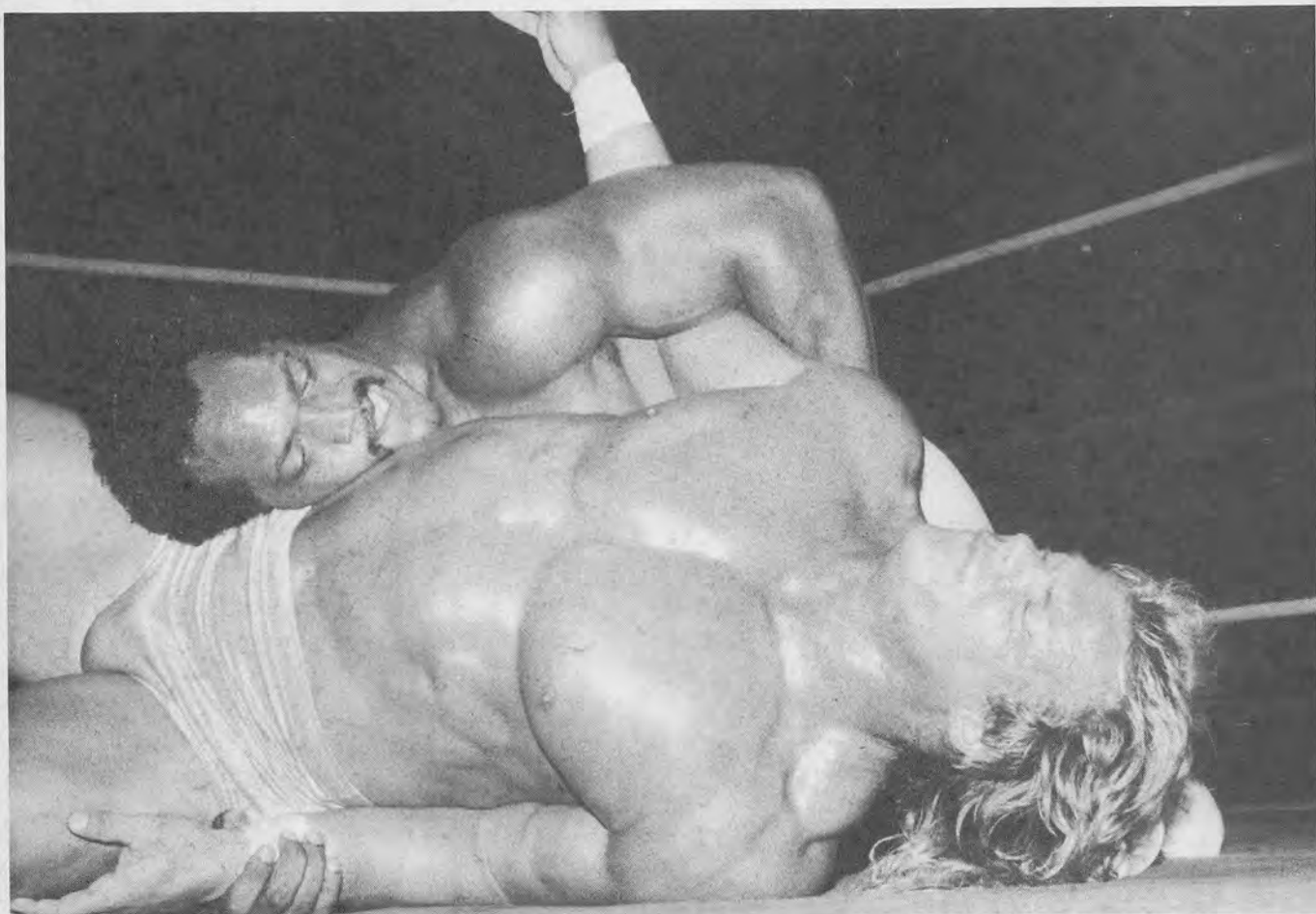
WCW World champion Lex Luger at the Omni in Atlanta.

Those children were undoubtedly disappointed that Simmons didn't leave the Omni with the title. But they left with the memories of an unforgettable evening and the influence of a man who has suddenly become a great role model.

"I was wrestling for those kids because I was once one of them," Simmons said. "I wanted to win the title so badly that night because I wanted

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to show those kids what they can become if they do the right thing and work hard. I know a lot of those kids can't afford to watch Halloween Havoc, but they'll be with me."

They will be there when Simmons becomes the first black world champion in wrestling history. They will be there—a part of Simmons—when he beats Luger for the WCW World title.

It's going to happen. It's a prediction we feel safe in making. On October 27, with a national pay-per-view audience watching the action from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Simmons will finally achieve his career goal.

"I'm glad you're so confident," Simmons said with a laugh when told of our prediction. "And you know, I'm confident, too, but it's not a cocky kind of confidence. It's the confidence of knowing that I'm going to do my best and that my best is going to be good enough. I know I'm as good as any man."

It hasn't always seemed that way. Luger and Simmons started their careers in Florida back in 1985, but the

spotlight always shone brightest on Luger. Simmons, an underrated wrestler who wasn't expected to do much, grew in the shadows of Luger. They were giant shadows.

In 1987, Luger joined The Four Horsemen. Later that year, he won the U.S. title and contended for the World title. Over the following years, he would challenge often for the WCW World belt. He always failed, until finally, at the Great American Bash in Baltimore, he beat Barry Windham to claim the title.

But the victory was tainted and Luger knew it. A few weeks earlier, Ric Flair had been stripped of the WCW World title belt. So, while Luger was the new champion, he never defeated the old champion.

It is something that weighs heavily on Luger's mind, even though he won't admit it.

"I am the World champion," Luger said. "Nobody can take that away from me. I beat Windham one-two-three, and anybody that says I'm not the best wrestler in WCW doesn't know what

Simmons complements his power tactics with a fair amount of technical skill (above), and often finds inspiration by looking to his followers (below).



they're talking about."

Luger, however, is clearly less confident than a wrestler should be. He knows he didn't beat Flair. He knows he won a vacant title. And while adviser Harley Race and bodyguard Mr. Hughes have formed an impressive alliance with Luger, it is clear that he is in the kind of situation that can only cost him the title.

Luger works best on his own. He does not need a manager. He does not need a clique. He does not want to be told what to do. He wants to do what he wants to do.

On the other hand, Simmons is wrestling with a clear conscience and a wide path. He has his personal freedom. He has tremendous desire to become the sport's first black champion. He also wants to prove that he's every bit as good as Luger. They have followed different but similar paths to the top; Simmons wants to prove his path is best.

"It's time for me to get my due, but first I'm going to have to earn it," Simmons said. "I've never asked for anything for nothing. Maybe when things weren't going right for me with Doom, I seemed a little bitter, but that's all in the past."

The initial battles between Simmons and Luger have been feeling-out processes. Neither man is willing to give away too much. They are also unwilling to make a drastic mistake. It is almost as if they are working—getting ready—for that one decisive showdown.

The showdown that will occur at Halloween Havoc.

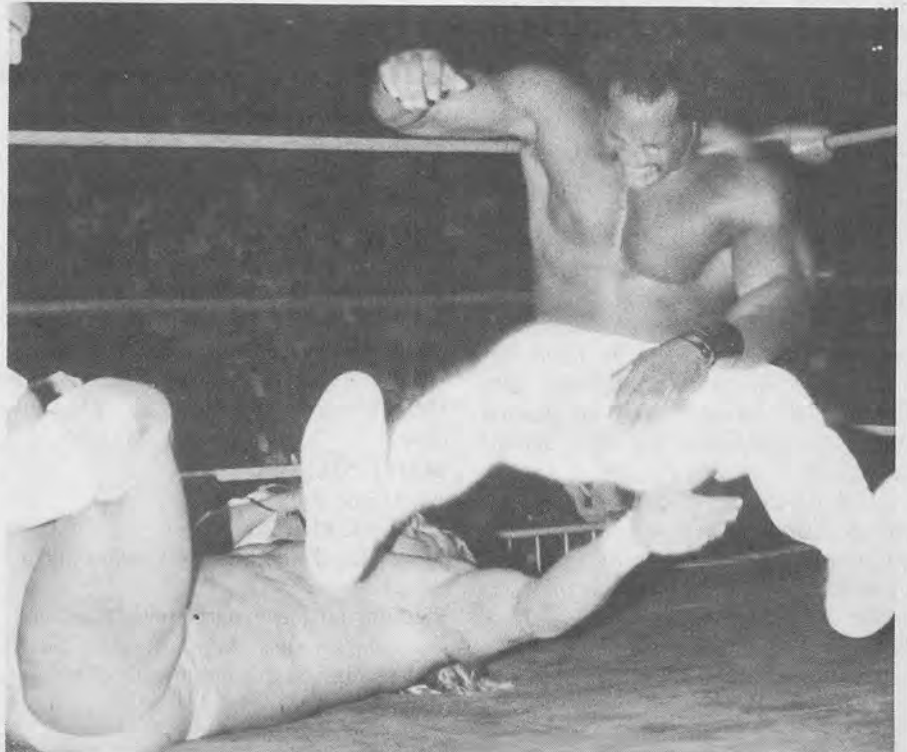
It will be a best-of-three-falls match, so there should be no excuses for either man. It will pit Simmons, who is fresh and at the top of his game, against a man who is tired and has wrestled numerous grueling matches over the past few months.

Finally, Simmons will score a victory for the common man, an all-American victory that will restore pride to the WCW World title.

Halloween is just around the corner. Ron Simmons' big day has finally arrived. □



Though Simmons has had the "Total Package" down many times (above and below), he hasn't been able to pin him yet. But these have been early matches in their series.



The telephone wires sizzle every month as two top wrestlers voice their rage and hostility toward each other. This is the unedited transcript of their conversation, your chance to see the raw emotion that results when two antagonists face off . . . One on One

ONE ON ONE

TO SAY IT all started at Clash of the Champions XV in Knoxville, Tennessee, would be an understatement. That would be ignoring 20 years of wrestling history, years during which Dick Slater and Dick Murdoch built a reputation as two of the toughest red-necks in the sport.

So, when The Hardliners attacked Rick and Scott Steiner at the Clash and ended up fracturing Rick's arm, they were merely practicing a trade they'd been working on for years. The Hardliners don't deal in subtleties. They pound in their points.

By any measure, the Clash attack was brutal. Slater and Murdoch did tremendous damage to Scott's left bicep. Scott underwent surgery and was still on the sidelines at press time. And although they did little to further their cause of winning the WCW World tag team title, The Hardliners did ruin things for the Steiners, who were stripped of their belts for being unable to defend within the allotted 30-day period.

That's the way The Hardliners do business: straight ahead or from behind, never in circles and never with finesse. The Steiners can't be blamed for getting attacked, but they should have seen it coming.

And, of course, as one of the greatest tag teams of the day, the Steiners are always subject to attacks, especially by a team under the direction of Alexander York's - devious York Foundation.

Scott still hasn't returned, but Rick



"This torn bicep of mine is gonna be your torn bicep. That broken bone you forgot to give Rick is going to be your broken bone."

—Scott Steiner

and various partners have handled themselves very well in matches against The Hardliners. Still, Scott wants revenge. Meanwhile, Murdoch and Slater want to finish the job they started.

They will eventually meet in the ring once again, but until they do, the tensions between the teams will only grow. Tension that was clearly evident when we brought Scott Steiner and Dick Murdoch together . . . "One on One."

SCOTT STEINER:

Good job, redneck.

DICK MURDOCH:

What the heck are you talking about, boy?

SS: I'm talking about results, plain and simple results, Murdoch. You did a number on me, but it really didn't get

you anywhere, did it?

DM: You're talking out of the side of your mouth, wimp boy. Shoot straight with me or I'll break your other arm.

SS: Don't be wise, Murdoch. You know exactly what I'm talking about. You got me out of commission for a while, but my substitutes are doing just fine. I'm talking about what my brother and his new partners have been doing to The Hardliners, and I noticed that Rick's been handling you and Slater pretty well all by himself.

DM: Sounds to me like you got the whole thing wrong.

SS: No, Murdoch, I got the whole thing right.

DM: Well, then, you tell me this, Steiner, who's got the belts? Who are the WCW World tag team champions?

N ONE



"Read my lips: Watch your step! You're lucky to be alive. That's the only thing me and Dickie

[Slater] got wrong."

—Dick Murdoch

Not you guys. They took the belts away because of what we did to you, so you tell me this: Are you better off now than you were four months ago? I don't think so, Steiner. By the way, how's your arm? We going to get to break the other one any time soon?

SS: The arm's getting better, Murdoch, and in a little while it's gonna be as good as new, the better to kick your butt with.

DM: Just like you did last time, when me and Dickie Slater kind of taught you a lesson about manhood. Your brother's lucky his arm wasn't broken, too, but that's something we're working on. And The Hardliners aren't done yet. We got our agenda set and you're still at the top of it.

SS: So what does that mean, Murdoch?

Another sneak-attack? Another one of your cowardly acts? I'll tell you one thing, me and Rick are safest when we're standing face-to-face with you dogs. It's when our backs are turned that we're in trouble, it's the only time you have the guts to go after us. Well, we're always here and waiting. The Steiners never turn down a challenge.

DM: You gotta be out of your mind, Steiner, whining like this in public. Don't you got any pride? You got bounced on your butt and thrown around like a useless sack of bones and now you're complaining about it. Understand the rules of the game, Steiner: It's every man for himself and anything goes at all times. That's how we play the

game, and as long as we're playing, that's how it is for everyone.

SS: Whining? Get out of my way, Murdoch. I have no reason to complain and neither does Rick. You've never done half the things me and my brother did. Remember, we held the U.S., World, and IWGP tag team titles *at the same time!* No other team in history has done that. Think about that. I know you've wrestled a lot in Japan, well, we ruled Japan, we ruled the U.S., we ruled the tag team world. We were ripe for a pair of cowards like you and Slater.

DM: Ripe's the word, Steiner, but don't you go calling me and Dickie cowards or else we'll break your other arm, too. And don't forget, your brother's out there on his own, so I'd watch my step. You're . . .

SS: Like I said, we welcome . . .

DM: Interrupt me again and I'll dive through this phone and drive a nail through your head. Read my lips: Watch your step! You're lucky to be alive. That's the only thing me and Dickie got wrong.

SS: Challenge accepted, Murdoch. This torn bicep of mine is gonna be your torn bicep. That broken bone you forgot to give Rick is going to be your broken bone. What you did at the Clash of the Champions, we're going to do to you, but we're going to face you like men, not like cowards. Right now, though, Rick's taking care of business. We don't like it that you cost us the belts, and we're gonna make you pay for it.

DM: Steiner, you just signed your death warrant with talk like that. We shoulda branded you right on the spot, burned "The Hardliners" right into your skin so you wouldn't forget what we done to you. I just think you got a short memory, that's your problem, but we can take care of that in no time at all.

SS: I'm looking forward to it, Murdoch, and that goes double for my brother. We've never backed down to no one and now we don't even have to worry about losing out belts. We can just go after you however we want. But don't forget, once we're done with you, we'll get the belts right back again and you'll be sitting in a hospital licking your wounds and wondering how the Steiners ever got back on top again. □

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NOT AWA ANYMORE

I just wanted to write *Inside Wrestling* a note to let you all in on a revelation: Minnesota is *not* AWA country anymore. In fact, it really burns me to hear people talk about Minnesota as if all we care about here are Greg Gagne and Nick Bockwinkel.

Let me put it to you straight: *No-body* gives a hoot about the AWA. As far as I'm concerned, they ran their organization right in the ground by offering terrible cards featuring such immortals as Jake Milliman, Buck Zumhofe, and The Texas Outlaws. Your magazine makes it sound like the demise of the AWA was a tragedy, but they only got what they deserved.

Want proof? They show *AWA All-Star Wrestling* here, and all that's on it are matches from 1983. It's all over for the AWA, so get used to it.

THOMAS CEDDERS
 Mankato, MN



Despite the success of Greg Gagne, reader Thomas Cedders is adamant that Minnesota is no longer AWA country.

BETTER THAN BEFORE?

The article on Lex Luger in the October 1991 issue posed some interesting questions ("Is Lex Luger As Good As He Can Be?"), but I think by now everyone has seen that the "Total Package" is better than ever.

Thanks to some good advice by his new adviser, Harley Race, Luger is



WCW World champion Lex Luger is well on his way to dominating the entire sport, says reader Vernon Blank.

wrestling with a determination and fire that I've never seen in him before. Thankfully, he's stopped kowtowing to the fans and has started beating Bobby Eaton, Ron Simmons, and Barry Windham into bloody stumps. By the time he's done, Luger will have no competition left at all!

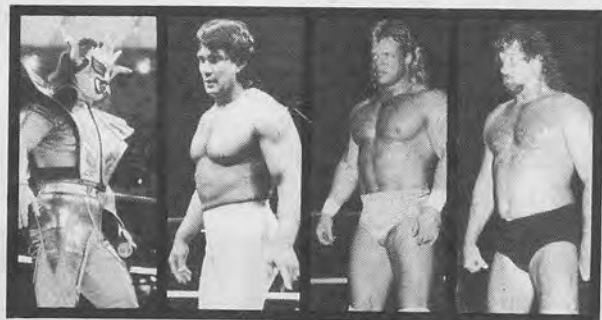
Luger is the dominant force in wrestling today—and he's going to get even better.

VERNON BLANK
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I think Lex Luger has lost it. He was a four-time U.S. champion and among the most dominant men in
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wrestling history. He lucked out when Ric Flair left WCW, leaving him with Barry Windham to defeat to win the WCW World title.

So what does Luger do? He hires the scum of the earth, Harley Race, to advise him, and he pays off no-talent Mr. Hughes to interfere for him. And

now, he wrestles in a style as devious as Flair's ever was.

I'm so sick about this, I could vomit. I hope Ron Simmons rips Luger's guts out.

PAM APPEL
Salt Lake City

erts has in store for the WWF now.

It wouldn't surprise me to see Roberts hire Paul Bearer as his new manager. They're two of a kind: One has no soul, the other has a black heart.

NANCY ROBERTS
Portland, ME

SNAKE SQUIRMS

Real nice. Devote two important "Capsule Profile" pages to Jake "The Snake" Roberts (October 1991), then declare him the greatest thing since sliced bread. Then the bum goes and turns against The Ultimate Warrior, not to mention all his fans.

Let's face it: Roberts has *always* been a creep. He's never wrestled scientifically—if you can call what he does "wrestling"—and he's always derived enjoyment from placing his snakes on the bodies of his defeated opponents. I can't imagine what Rob-

ARROGANT ATLAS

I think your magazines devote too much space to unworthy subject matter. Case in point: The article on



IWCCW champion Tony Atlas would not receive any magazine coverage, if reader Samuel Eckhardt had his way.

IWCCW champion Tony Atlas in your October 1991 issue ("Tito Santana's Violent Vendetta Against Tony Atlas").

Atlas is a disgrace, and his tactics should not be condoned. Recently on TV, he hung Ivan Putski from the ring, nearly choking the life out of the "Polish Power." In addition, Atlas berates and verbally abuses everyone he comes in contact with.

Leave your articles to decent athletes and not bullies.

SAMUEL C. ECKHARDT
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Jake "The Snake" Roberts has *always* been a sadistic rulebreaker, in reader Nancy Roberts' opinion.

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looking at sports in a different way," Eaton said. "I don't want people questioning my victories and losses. I don't want to hear about lines and point spreads and things like that. If sports gambling was legalized, that's all you'd hear about."

Wrestling has enough trouble these days. There is the steroid problem. There is reduced attendance at matches. Certainly, the sport needs some help, but gambling is not the help it's looking for.

Gambling would be the destroyer disguised as a savior.

"The thing about wrestling is that it's a family sport," Dan Davis said. "A lot of kids watch it and they look upon us as role models. I don't want some guy at a wrestling match screaming his support for a jerk like Tom Prichard just

because he has a bet down on him. We need to keep this sport wholesome."

Gambling would bring increased revenue to the sport. The wrestlers would receive higher salaries and it's entirely possible that ticket prices would come down at the same time.

But here's something I don't want to see: Hogan 6/7 Slaughter. For the uninitiated, that's a betting line. It doesn't belong in wrestling. I didn't always feel that way, but I do now.

Hogan vs. Flair. It's all people are talking about these days, and at press time it seemed very likely that Flair would come to the WWF and that a match against Hogan would be signed in the near future. It's a wonderful development for wrestling.



Virgil's victory over Ted DiBiase at SummerSlam is proof to Dave Rosenbaum that it's time for the "Million-Dollar Man" to leave the WWF.

In fact, over the past few weeks, I've talked to numerous wrestlers about the same subject. I took an informal poll and here's what I found:

Eighty-five percent of all wrestlers surveyed felt a Hogan vs. Flair match would be signed.

Seventy-five percent felt that it would be signed before WrestleMania VIII.

Sixty-three percent felt that Flair would defeat Hogan in a one-fall match, while 77 percent felt Flair would defeat Hogan in a best-of-three-falls match.

"Flair has been gearing up for this and I think Hogan was caught a little by surprise," one wrestler said. "I think Flair has his best chance if the match is signed soon. If the match goes off at WrestleMania, Hogan's in great shape. WrestleMania's his thing and he's always ready for it. But Flair's the better wrestler, and that might be hard for Hogan to overcome."

Hogan vs. Flair would undoubtedly be better for the sport than, say, legalized gambling. It would develop infinitely more interest.

Here's my vote: Hogan vs. Flair will happen. It will happen before WrestleMania. And Hogan will find a way to win.

A final note: The time has come for Ted DiBiase to move on. The WWF has been no good for him.

When a man like Virgil, a former bodyguard with mediocre wrestling ability, can defeat DiBiase, something is very wrong. DiBiase was once a master tactician, an outstanding scientific wrestler, the kind of wrestler that could go all night.

He has done nothing but get worse in the WWF. The federation was wrong for him in the first place. Virgil's victory over DiBiase at SummerSlam was the final proof. ☐

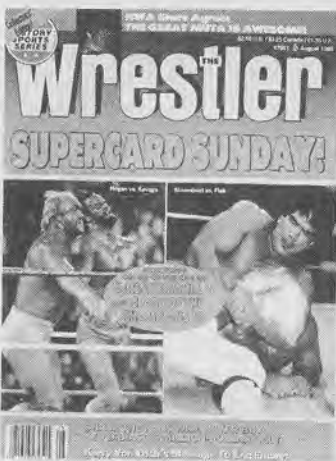
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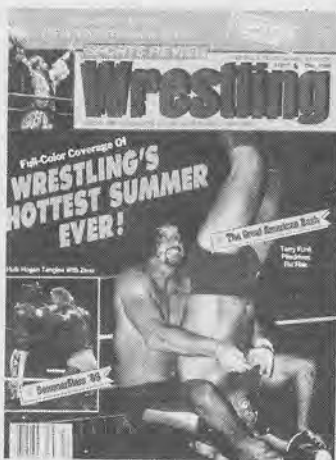
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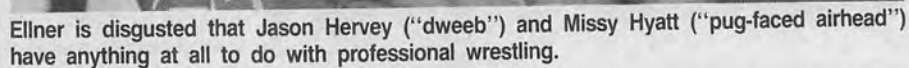
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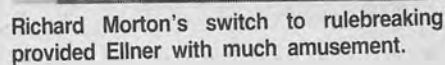
Jason Hervey gave the associate publisher of the world's largest wrestling magazine (which is irrelevant; Saks is simply a nice guy who was trying to make small talk) the once over and walked away. "An awesome cold shoulder," Saks jokes. "A gold medal winning snub."

You know what? It's very simple. I'd like to wipe the smug off his grin. I'd like to kick his butt till it resembles his face, something that wouldn't take very long. I feel better having said it. Thank you very much.

"Man, let me tell you something. I can't imagine, in my wildest imagination, any other man any other tag team partner, being more of a gentleman, more of a professional, and more of a friend than Rick Morton has been. There's a certain chemistry between the two of us that even most best friends never experience in a lifetime. I'm proud to say he's my partner and friend."—**Robert Gibson, September 1987**

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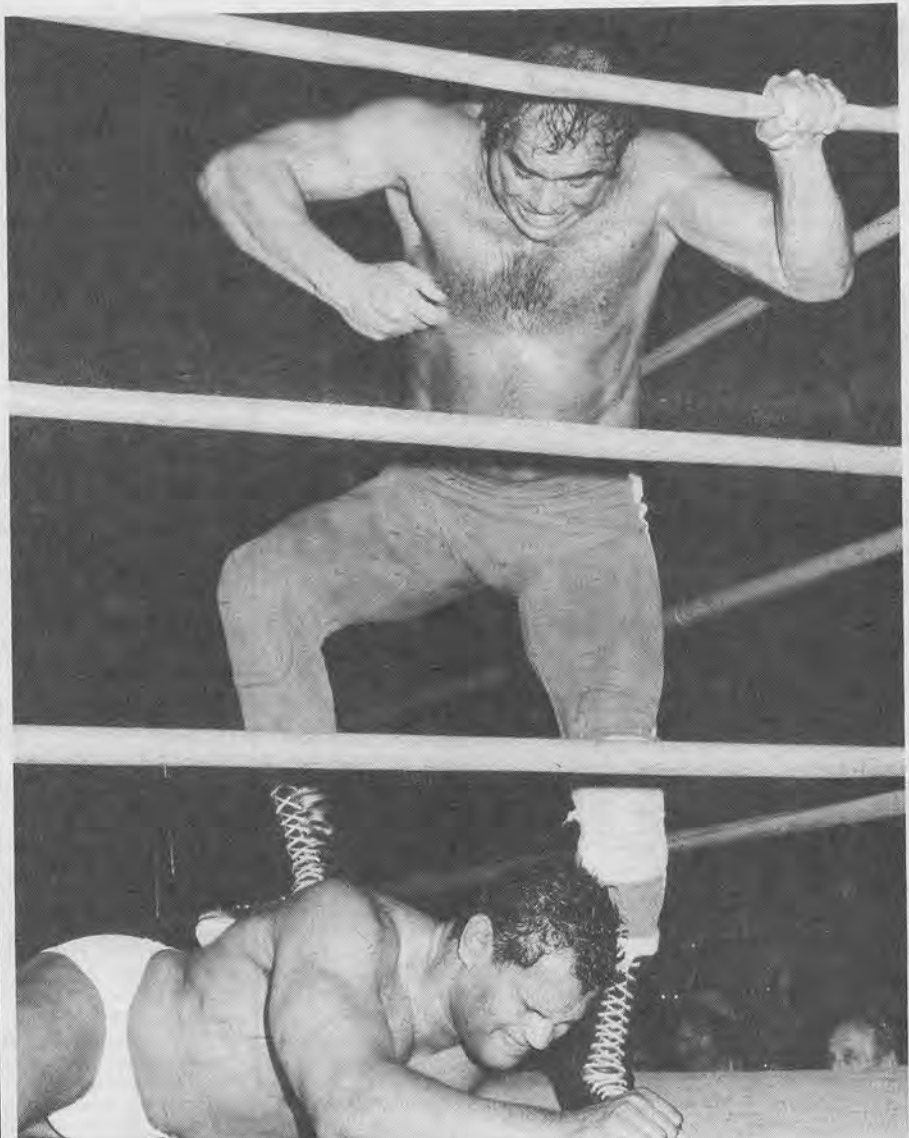
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In this 1974 bout, John Tolos brutalizes Victor Rivera. At the time, Tolos told Liz Hunter he would someday teach his evil methods to up-and-coming grapplers, and that's what he did.

Poffo (undated).

Nikita Tapes, Tape II (series of secret tapes I made while interviewing Nikita Koloff, who was in the middle of a career and ideological crisis and was prevented by his uncle and guardian, Ivan Koloff, from speaking to the American press. In view of current world events, Nikita was uncannily prescient): "I wish sometimes Nikita be left alone some. In Russia, everyone know what you do. Such a giant country, how does one expect officials to control everything all time? America is big country, too. How Ivan expect

Nikita to be controlled all the time? I don't think either situation will last too long. There will be lots of explosions. Lots of changes. This I know."—Nikita Koloff, August 5, 1986.

Notebook liner: "If the WWF persists in closing its doors, then I think all the other federations should stick together. This award represents what can happen if we all pool our resources and strive to give the fans the best matches with the best wrestlers. World Class Championship Wrestling is going to enjoy a powerful relationship with the NWA for a long,

long time, and I'm going to be proud to be a part of it for as long as it lasts."—Kerry Von Erich, accepting his Wrestler of the Year Award.

Table napkin, Henry's End Restaurant: "People often confuse humility and respect with cowardice. Barry and I go out and kick butt the same as any loud-mouthed arrogant rulebreakers, but we don't see any reason to raise the roof about it or insult the efforts of the men we just defeated. For me, maybe, it comes from collegiate training where you must shake your opponent's hand before and after each match. For Barry, it must come from his father, who's a mean sonofagun, but one who respects other people."—Mike Rotundo, in his pre-Michael Wall Street/pre-Irwin R. Schyster days, July 7, 1985.

Matchbook cover: "The WWF is for cowards. It's a place for wrestlers who want to make mon-

ey and can't figure out how to do it honestly. I don't have that problem."—Ric Flair, October 11, 1987.

Notebook liner: "I can't imagine it happening, but I would pay \$100,000 to put this belt up against Hogan's. I'd give him the money just for the opportunity to show him that the best wrestler in the world lives in Minnesota and works for a different federation—one the WWF doesn't even admit exists. Well, baby, let me tell you something: The AWA is strong as hell, and it's not going to take it anymore."—Curt Hennig, November 7, 1987.

Scrapbook: "I love New York. I love making New Yorkers like [Victor] Rivera bleed. New York blood always smells good mixed with freshly scrubbed canvas. Someday I'm gonna come back here and teach my methods to a new generation of New York bloodletters."—John Tolos, January 2, 1973.

Matchbook cover: "Hogan must come to me. I don't accommodate anyone in the world. Number one doesn't reach for number two. It's up to number two to come visit."—Ric Flair, November 18, 1987.

Torn and bloody program: "I want to grind Hulk Hogan's bones into cornmeal and bake me a cake."—Sid Vicious, March 4, 1990.

Notebook liner: "I'm through with gimmicks. From now on, I'm going to get in that ring, pin my man, and be done with it."—Billy Jack Haynes, December 5, 1986.

Notebook liner: "Of course I believe in the forces of good and of God. How else can I compete in Texas with the Von Erichs?"—Dingo Warrior, June 26, 1986.

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CORNETTE-LANE

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and Cornette. At a recent Tri-State Wrestling Alliance card, the lopsided tandem was humiliated by the reunited Fantastics when Bobby Fulton brutalized and pinned the mismatched Cornette.

After that embarrassment, Lane and Cornette took on Jerry Lawler and manager Marc Curtis on an August 17 WWA card in New Jersey. Cornette managed to pin the diminutive Curtis, who had no business stepping into a ring. However, the same surely could be stated about Cornette, whose diet of Pepsi and Yodels has put him on the most wanted list at every health spa in the country.

Although he didn't beat Patriot, Lane says he has no intention of dumping Cornette as his manager.



"So who do we wrestle next—Sputnik Monroe and Sky Low Low?" asked Lane sarcastically. "Is this was the future holds for me? I've worked for 13 years to become a great wrestler. But right now, I've got nothing to shoot for. We go from town to town, but I should be contending for a championship—a *major* championship. No, I'm not happy, and things had better change—fast."

While Lane gripes, he also admits he has no intention of firing Cornette, who has justly earned his status as a leading manager.

"He helped me to my greatest glory," said Lane. "The Express was the greatest tag team of all time, and it was all Jim's idea. Things are tough now, but ... no, we may argue and fight, but we'll always be together."

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TOP 15

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— LEX LUGER (2) WCW World champion | 4— STING (9) WCW U.S. champion | 8— STEVE AUSTIN (4) WCW TV champion | 12— JERRY LAWLER (6) No. 3 contender: USWA title |
| 2— HULK HOGAN (1) WWF World champion | 5— RON SIMMONS (7) No. 2 contender: WCW title | 9— DRAGON MASTER (-) USWA champion | 13— TONY ATLAS (12) ICW champion |
| 3— BRET HART (10) WWF I-C champion | 6— BARRY WINDHAM (5) No. 3 contender: WCW title | 10— BILLY JACK HAYNES (-) Pacific Northwest champion | 14— ERIC EMBRY (-) USWA Southern champion |
| | 7— THE PATRIOT (14) GWF North Am. champion | 11— CURT HENNIG (3) No. 1 contender: I-C title | 15— SGT. SLAUGHTER (13) No. 3 contender: WWF title |

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— LEX LUGER (1) 268, Chicago, IL | 4— BARRY WINDHAM (3) 263, Sweetwater, TX | 8— P.N. NEWS (13) 402, Detroit, MI | 12— TOM ZENK (7) 237, Minneapolis, MN |
| 2— STING (5) 260, Venice Beach, CA | 5— STEVE AUSTIN (2) 241, Dallas, TX | 9— JOHNNY B. BADD (9) 259, Macon, GA | 13— DIAMOND STUDD (8) 290, Tampa, FL |
| 3— RON SIMMONS (4) 260, Perry, GA | 6— BOBBY EATON (12) 233, Huntsville, AL | 10— RICHARD MORTON (-) 228, Memphis, TN | 14— BIG JOSH (-) 235, Portland, OR |
| | 7— EL GIGANTE (15) 435, Argentina | 11— DUSTIN RHODES (14) 254, Austin, TX | 15— CACTUS JACK (-) 277, Truth Or Cons., NM |

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— HULK HOGAN (1) 302, Venice Beach, CA | 4— SGT. SLAUGHTER (3) 310, Parris Island, SC | 8— SID JUSTICE (-) 318, West Memphis, AR | 12— THE MOUNTIE (10) 232, Montreal, Quebec |
| 2— BRET HART (4) 235, Calgary, Alberta | 5— THE WARLORD (7) 360, Chicago, IL | 9— VIRGIL (-) 235, parts unknown | 13— DAVEY BOY SMITH (12) 245, Leeds, England |
| 3— CURT HENNIG (2) 235, Minneapolis, MN | 6— THE UNDERTAKER (6) 320, Dallas, TX | 10— IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (11) 245, Syracuse, NY | 14— KERRY VON ERICH (-) 260, Denton, TX |
| | 7— BIG BOSSMAN (-) 277, Cobb County, GA | 11— RICK STEAMBOAT (15) 238, Honolulu, HI | 15— KOKO B. WARE (-) 228, Union City, TN |

MOST POPULAR

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— HULK HOGAN Last month: No. 1 Most Popular | 4— RON SIMMONS Last month: No. 4 Most Popular | 8— THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR Last month: No. 3 Most Popular | 12— ROBERT FULLER Last month: No. 10 Most Popular |
| 2— STING Last month: No. 2 Most Popular | 5— JERRY LAWLER Last month: No. 5 Most Popular | 9— THE PATRIOT Last month: No. 15 Most Popular | 13— P.N. NEWS Last month: No. 11 Most Popular |
| 3— BRET HART Last month: No. 7 Most Popular | 6— SID JUSTICE Last month: No. 8 Most Popular | 10— VIRGIL Last month: unrated | 14— RICK STEAMBOAT Last month: unrated |
| | 7— BOBBY EATON Last month: No. 9 Most Popular | 11— EL GIGANTE Last month: No. 6 Most Popular | 15— JEFF JARRETT Last month: No. 13 Most Popular |

MOST HATED

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— JAKE ROBERTS Last month: unrated | 4— RICK MORTON Last month: No. 6 Most Hated | 8— MAKHAN SINGH Last month: No. 15 Most Hated | 12— ONE MAN GANG Last month: No. 12 Most Hated |
| 2— LEX LUGER Last month: No. 1 Most Hated | 5— THE MOUNTIE Last month: No. 9 Most Hated | 9— ERIC EMBRY Last month: No. 13 Most Hated | 13— SGT. SLAUGHTER Last month: No. 4 Most Hated |
| 3— THE UNDERTAKER Last month: No. 2 Most Hated | 6— STEVE AUSTIN Last month: No. 7 Most Hated | 10— CACTUS JACK Last month: unrated | 14— TERRENCE TAYLOR Last month: unrated |
| | 7— TED DiBIASE Last month: unrated | 11— CURT HENNIG Last month: No. 5 Most Hated | 15— LEATHERFACE Last month: No. 8 Most Hated |

TAG TEAMS

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1— THE LEGION OF DOOM (4) WWF World tag team champions | 6— THE NATURAL DISASTERS (-) No. 2 contenders: WWF tag title | 11— THE HARDLINERS (6) No. 2 contenders: U.S. tag title |
| 2— THE NASTY BOYS (1) No. 1 contenders: WWF tag title | 7— THE YOUNG PISTOLS (9) No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag title | 12— STEVE DOLL & CRUSH (10) Pacific Northwest tag team champions |
| 3— ARN ANDERSON & LARRY ZBYSKO (7) No. 1 contenders: WCW tag title | 8— RICK STEINER & BILL KAZMAIER (-) No. 2 contenders: WCW tag title | 13— THE BILLION-DOLLAR BABIES (12) IWCCW tag team champions |
| 4— ROBERT FULLER & JEFF JARRETT (3) USWA tag team champions | 9— THE BEVERLY BROTHERS (-) No. 3 contenders: WWF tag title | 14— BRUTE FORCE (15) Georgia All-Star tag team champions |
| 5— RICK STEINER & BILL KAZMAIER (-) No. 2 contenders: WCW tag title | 10— CHRIS WALKER & STEVE SIMPSON (-) Global tag team champions | 15— THE ORIENT EXPRESS (11) No. 4 contenders: WWF tag title |

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For period ended August 30, 1991

ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

ALL-JAPAN ASIAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: DAN KROFFAT & DOUG FURNAS

(July 26, 1991; from Billy Black & Joel Deaton; Chiba, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: JUMBO TSURUTA

(January 19, 1991; from Stan Hansen; Matsumoto, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: MASANOBU FUCHI

(October 20, 1989; from Joe Malenko; Nagoya, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: MITSUWARA MISAWA & TOSHIKI KAWADA

(July 24, 1991; from Steve Williams & Terry Gordy; Kanazawa, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN UNITED NATIONAL CHAMPION: JUMBO TSURUTA

(January 19, 1991; from Stan Hansen; Matsumoto, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S CHAMPION: TAKAKO INOUE

(April 29, 1991; from Kyoko Inoue; Tokyo, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: BULL NAKANO

(April 1, 1990; from Mitsuko Nishiwaki; Tokyo, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S PACIFIC CHAMPION: AKIRA HOKUTO

(April 29, 1991; from Suzuka Minami; Tokyo, Japan)

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: AJA KONG & BISON KIMURA

(April 4, 1991; over Yumiko Hotta & Akira Hokuto for vacant title; Sendai, Japan)

CATCH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPION: RAMBO

(July 6, 1991; from Big Van Vader; Graz, Austria)

GEORGIA ALL-STAR CHAMPION: JOEL DEATON

(April 21, 1991; from Steve Lawler; Canton, GA)

GLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION:

THE LIGHTNING KID

(July 13, 1991; tournament final over Jerry Lynn; Dallas, TX)

GLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

STEVE SIMPSON & CHRIS WALKER

(July 27, 1991; tournament final over Scotty the Body & Rip Rogers; Dallas, TX)

GLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION TV CHAMPION: THE PATRIOT

(June 29, 1991; tournament final over Buddy Landell; Dallas, TX)

ICW CHAMPION: TONY ATLAS

(April 19, 1991; from Vic Steamboat; S. China, ME)

IWA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: MANNY FERNANDEZ

(December 5, 1990; tournament final over Cousin Luke; Washington Township, NJ)

IWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: SONNY BEACH & THE TERMINATOR

(August 27, 1990; from The Motor City Madmen; Atlantic City, NJ)

IWA U.S. CHAMPION: PRESTON STEELE

(July 14, 1991; from Jules Strongbow; Sydney, Australia)

IWA WOMEN'S CHAMPION: BAMBI

(March 25, 1990; from Peggy Lee Leather; Palmetto, FL)

IWCCW LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: THE TASMANIAC

(June 5, 1991; from Ray Odyssey; Brooklyn, NY)

IWCCW TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE BILLION-DOLLAR BABIES

(June 1, 1991; from The Madison Brothers; Wolfeboro, NH)

IWCCW WORLD CLASS CHAMPION: KEVIN VON ERICH

(by official's decision)

IWGP CHAMPION: TATSUMI FUJINAMI

(March 4, 1991; from Big Van Vader; Hiroshima, Japan)

* IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: RICK & SCOTT STEINER

(March 21, 1991; from Hiroshi Hase & Kensuke Sasaki; Tokyo, Japan)

IWGP JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: AKIRA NOGAMI

(August 8, 1991; from Jushin Liger; Tokyo, Japan)

LPWA CHAMPION: LADY X

(January 31, 1991; from Susan Sexton; Laughlin, NV)

LPWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: JUDY MARTIN & LELANI KAI

(February 28, 1991; from Misty Blue Simmes & Heidi Lee Morgan; Laughlin, NV)

MOTOR CITY HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: MAN MT. LANCASTER

(August 31, 1985; from Al Snow; Lakeview, OH)

MOTOR CITY MIDWEST TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: MIKE & MAX ANTHONY

(July 21, 1990; tournament final over The Nightmares; New Baltimore, MI)

MOTOR CITY NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION: MICKEY DOYLE

(August 7, 1990; from Bobo Brazil; Belleville, MI)

MOTOR CITY U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: AL SNOW & MACHINE GUN KELLY

(May 10, 1991; from the Nightmares; Lima, OH)

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPION: BRUNO BEKKAR

(December 12, 1987; from Johnny Garcia; Auckland, New Zealand)

NEW ZEALAND JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: JOHNNY GARCIA

(May 13, 1991; from War Head Wenham; Auckland, New Zealand)

* PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPION: BILLY JACK HAYNES

(August 17, 1991; from Steve Doll; Portland, OR)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: STEVE DOLL & CRUSH

(July 27, 1991; from Ron & Don Harris; Portland, OR)

PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION: JUMBO TSURUTA

(January 19, 1991; from Stan Hansen; Matsumoto, Japan)

PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION INT'L TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

MITSUWARA MISAWA & TASHIHI KAWADA

(July 24, 1991; from Steve Williams & Terry Gordy; Kanazawa, Japan)

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION (FLORIDA) CHAMPION: TYREE PRIDE

(June 29, 1991; from Steve Keirn; Nassau, Bahamas)

PRO WRESTLING AMERICA CHAMPION: CHARLIE NORRIS

(May 11, 1991; from The Golden Idol (substituting for Terminator Riggs; Shakopee, MN)

SOUTH ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: CHRIS CHAVIS

(July 6, 1991; from Vince Torelli; Penbrooke, NC)

SOUTH ATLANTIC TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: BOBBY & JACKIE FULTON

(December 29, 1990; from The Pit Bulldogs; Greenville, SC)

TEXAS ALL-PRO HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: TUGBOAT TAYLOR

(January 18, 1991; from Tiger Conway Jr.; Conroe, TX)

TRI-STATE WRESTLING ALLIANCE CHAMPION: D.C. DRAKE

(September 15, 1990; tournament final over Rockin' Rebel; Philadelphia, PA)

* USWA CHAMPION: JERRY LAWLER

(September 2, 1991; from The Dragon Master; Memphis, TN)

USWA SOUTHERN CHAMPION: ERIC EMBRY

(May 20, 1991; over Bill Dundee for held-up title; Memphis, TN)

USWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: JEFF JARRETT & ROBERT FULLER

(July 15, 1991; from The Barroom Brawlers; Memphis, TN)

* USWA TEXAS CHAMPION: TOM PRICHARD

(August 19, 1991; from Humongous; Memphis, TN)

UWA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: EL CANEK

(December 9, 1990; from Big Van Vader; Mexico City, Mexico)

UWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: PERRO AGUAYO & EL GRAN HAMADA

(June 13, 1991; from Brazo De Oro & Brazo De Plata; Tokyo, Japan)

UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION TV CHAMPION: STEVE WILLIAMS

(June 9, 1991; tournament final over Bam Bam Bigelow; Palmetto, FL)

UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION WOMEN'S CHAMPION: ROCKIN' ROBIN

(June 9, 1991; over Candi Devine to determine first champion; Palmetto, FL)

* WCW U.S. CHAMPION: STING

(August 25, 1991; tournament final over Steve Austin; Atlanta, GA)

* WCW U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE PATRIOTS

(August 12, 1991; from The Freebirds; Gainesville, GA)

WCW WORLD CHAMPION: LEX LUGER

(July 14, 1991; over Barry Windham to fill title vacancy; Baltimore, MD)

WCW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by Rick & Scott Steiner)

WWA WORLD MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPION: TATSUSHI ONIDA

(May 29, 1991; from Gregory Berichuv; Tokyo, Japan)

WWC CARIBBEAN CHAMPION: SUPER MEDIC III

(July 13, 1991; from Rod Price; Caguas, Puerto Rico)

WWC CARIBBEAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by Hurricane Castillo Jr. & Miguel Perez Jr.)

WWC JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: RICKY SANTANA

(May 25, 1991; from Brad Anderson; Caguas, Puerto Rico)

WWC PUERTO RICAN CHAMPION: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by Manny Fernandez)

WWC TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by Hurricane Castillo Jr. & Miguel Perez Jr.)

WWC UNIVERSAL CHAMPION: CARLOS COLON

(February 2, 1991; for held-up title over Greg Valentine; Bayamon, Puerto Rico)

WWC WOMEN'S CHAMPION: CANDI DEVINE

(May 11, 1991; from Monster Ripper; Guayanbo, Puerto Rico)

* WWF INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: BRET HART

(August 26, 1991; from Curt Hennig; New York, NY)

WWF WORLD CHAMPION: HULK HOGAN

(March 24, 1991; from Sgt. Slaughter; Los Angeles, CA)

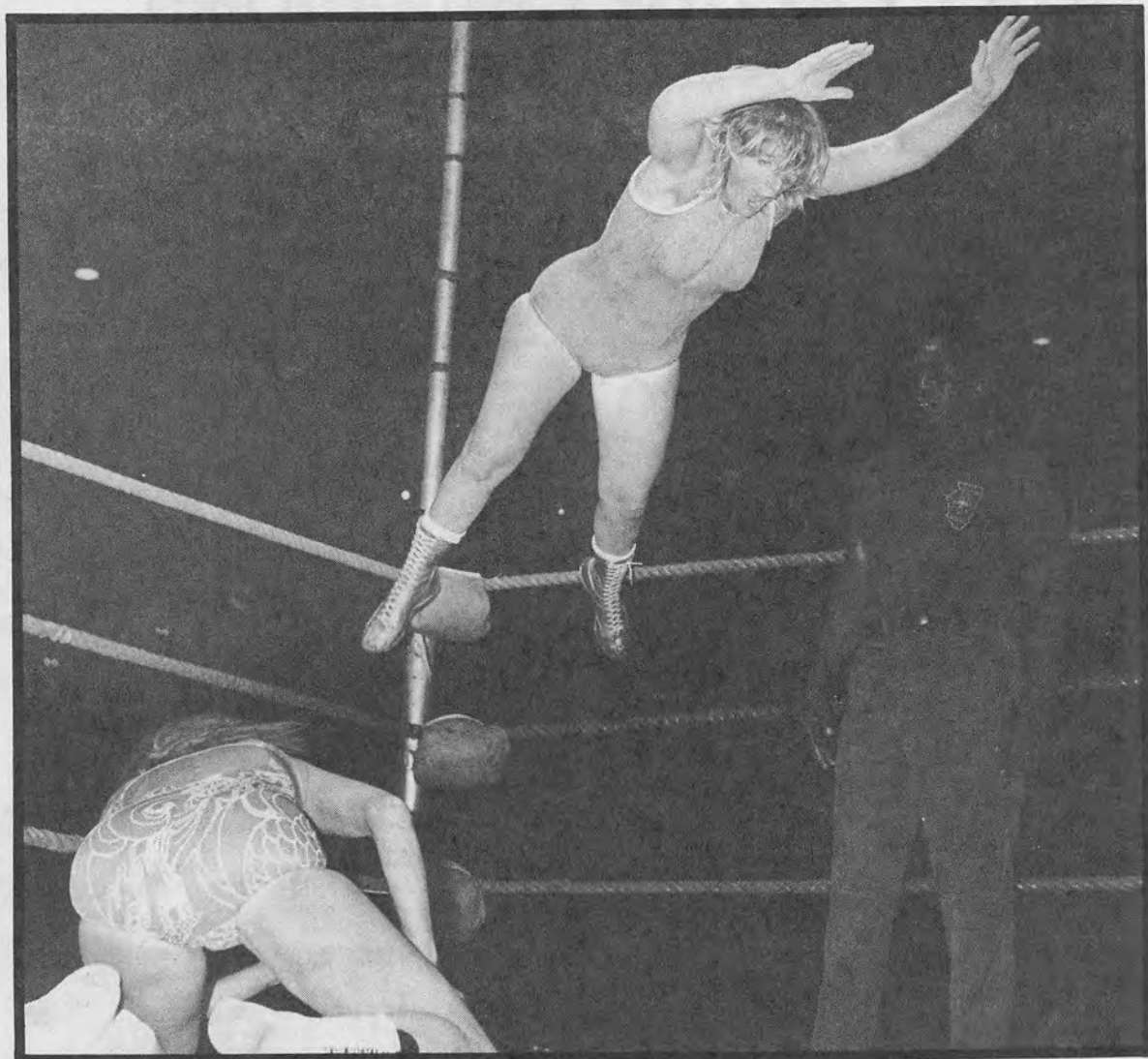
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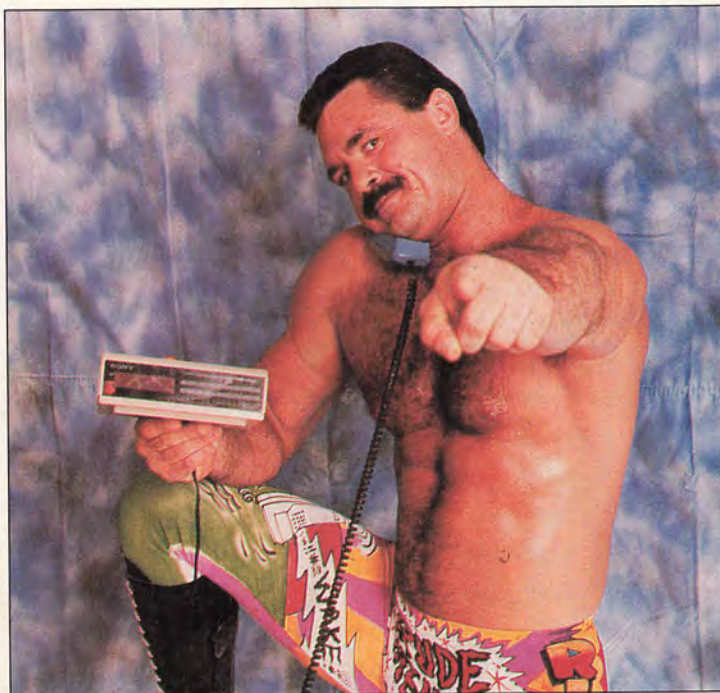
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